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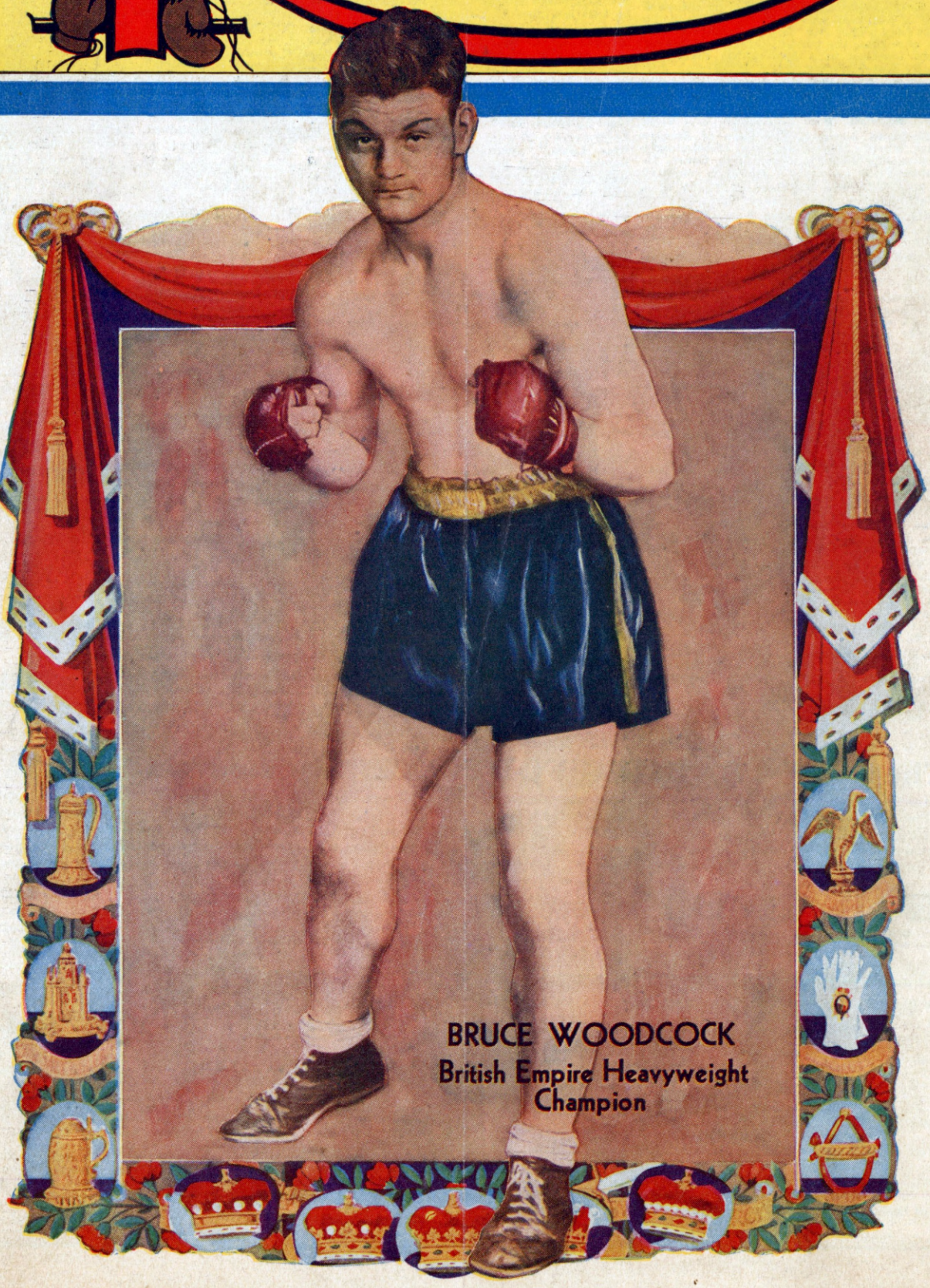

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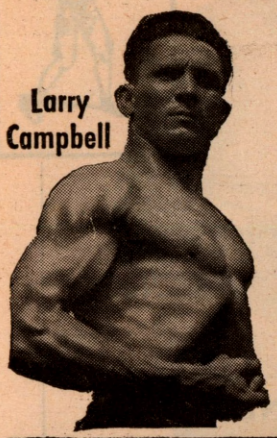

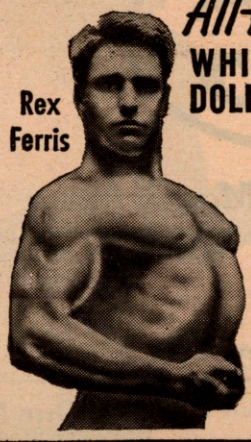

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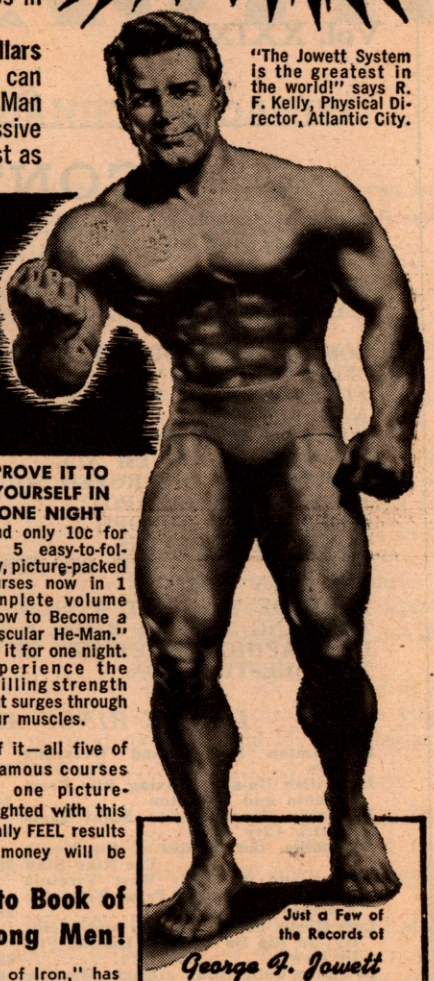

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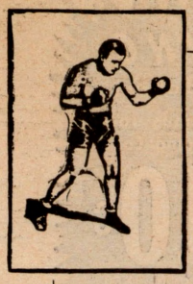

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Who's the successor of Joe Louis as world heavyweight champion? The N.B.A. has awarded that honor to Ezzard Charles. New York is holding back pending the outcome of the Woodcock-Savold battle in London. The winner of that fight has been designated by the British Board of Boxing Control as the world's heavyweight king. How does John Q. Public take the situation? Let Daniel M. Daniel tell you.

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THE RING Editor went to Europe for the double purpose of attending the European Boxing Union's convention in Madrid and the Woodcock-Savold contest in London. Important international topics were taken up in Spain and Nat Fleischer will report the highlights of that meeting. He'll also tell you about the boxing conditions in other countries he has visited on his latest long-distance jaunt to foreign lands.

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Looking for a detailed account of the Savold-Woodcock title bout? You'll also get that in the report that THE RING Editor will file from London where he has a ringside seat.

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June battles will get the outdoor season in America under way with a bang. The Villemain-Robinson tilt in Philadelphia and LaMotta's title defense at the Yankee Stadium will be highlights in the next issue. Jersey Jones will give you first-hand reports on these.

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The Toweel-Ortiz bantamweight championship fight in Johannesburg will be thoroughly covered. In addition, you have special articles by others of THE RING'S staff of experts — Nat Loubet, Stanley Weston, Johnny Salak, Ted Carroll, Al Buck, Bill Heinz and Ed Van Every.

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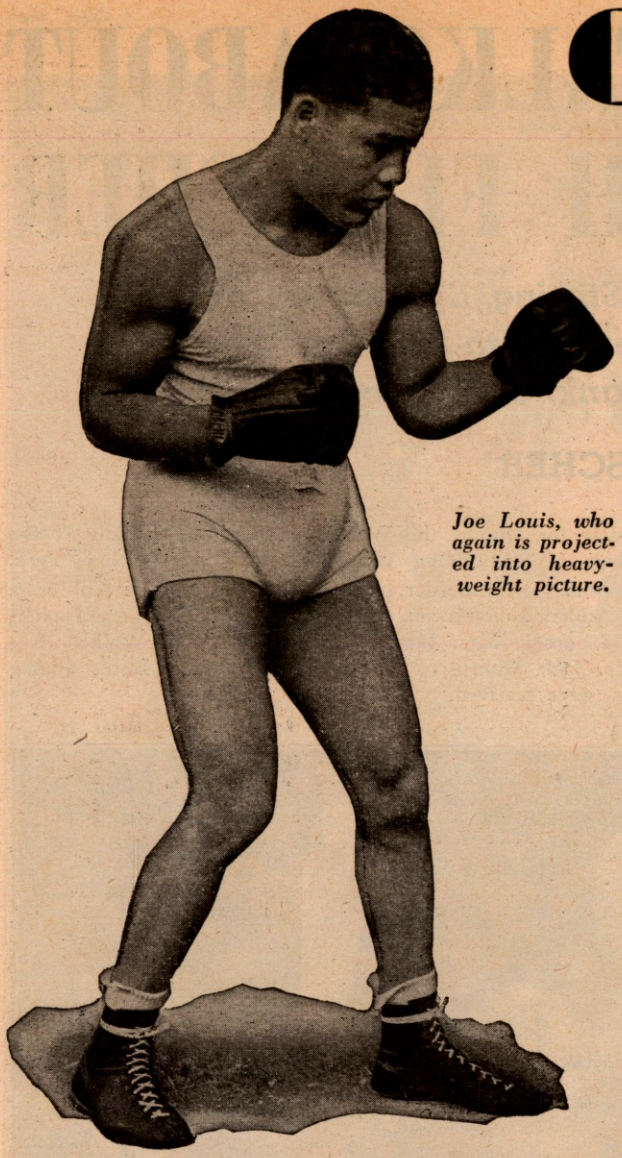


Joe Louis, who again is projected into heavyweight picture.

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

EZZARD CHARLES' tortuous road in the direction of the heavyweight championship of the world has been blocked again.

At this time, there is no way of determining the precise damage to Charles' campaign suffered through his enforced layoff with a heart muscle injury.

Repercussions of a report by a medical board of the Illinois Boxing Commission, ordering Charles to sideline himself for 90 days from May 4, could result in a radical change in the plans of Joe Louis, and the retired king's return to the arena.

Some time back, Louis announced that he had signed with a circus, and would not fight again.

However, when Jim Norris, head of the International Boxing Club, told Louis of the Charles situation, Joe admitted that he might be forced to set a fresh course.

As a consequence, boxing is confronted with these possibilities:

1—Retirement of Charles from the title picture for a protracted period, lifting the Woodcock-Savold affair to still greater importance.

2—Return of Louis to seek the championship which he turned in after his second victory over Jersey Joe Walcott.

3—Return of Walcott to outstanding prominence as a title contender.

4—No change in heavyweight plans whatsoever, with Charles meeting the London winner in Yankee Stadium, New York, in September.

PRECISELY what ails Charles? The Illinois Commission report, signed by Dr. Ernest Nora, Chicago heart specialist, and Dr. J. M. Houston of the Illinois body, said that Ezz was suffering from "a vascular condition of the heart."

The use of the word "vascular" built up the ailment, for the general public, into something far more serious than actually was the case.

As Dr. Frank R. Ferlaino of New York, chief of the New York Commission's Medical Advisory Board, pointed out for THE RING Magazine, Charles is not afflicted with vascular disease of the heart. If he were, he would be through as a boxer.

Charles suffered a fracture through the tip of the eighth rib. This injury touched the exterior surface of the heart muscle, producing a bruise. The injured area has probably not been getting a sufficient supply of blood and has not been mending fast enough. Therefore, the fighter must lay off until it does mend.

If he gets over the trouble in 90 days, as the specialists expect, he will be available around August 1, and that would give him sufficient time to train for the Woodcock-Savold winner.

Of course, there is the fear hazard. How will Charles react from this misadventure? Will the fact that he had suffered a heart injury affect his style, his aggressiveness, his skill and title chances?

Only time can answer that question. But before it is asked to handle that one, it will have to settle the far more vital one concerning Charles' physical condition, and his destinies as governed by that situation.

THE immediate result of the Charles examination in Chicago was cancellation of his ill-fated match with Fred Beshore in Buffalo, originally set for February 29, then postponed until March 6, and later rearranged for June 7.

It may turn out that Charles will benefit from the developments which now appear to threaten his fight career.

It is conceivable that the layoff, followed by proper training, will make Ezzard even more formidable should there be a September fight for the world title.

In the meantime, there is absolutely no question that insofar as the American phase of world championship determination is concerned, the picture is more thoroughly fouled up than ever.

In 90 days, Charles will have to undergo new examinations of his heart.

If he is not then ready to fight, he may have to forfeit the American title. That he is the world champion, as per the NBA claim, THE RING Magazine refuses to concede.

If Charles had to quit the field, Louis unquestionably would be forced to come back, and the heavyweight situation in this country would revert to the thoroughly lack-lustre.

Of course, the American phase is tied in with the British situation, and the over-all picture may be saved by a Woodcock triumph over Savold.

Let Savold beat Woodcock, let Charles be forced to quit, at least temporarily, and we would be confronted with Savold, Louis and Walcott as our Big Three. Hardly a thrilling prospect.

However, there are thousands of fight fans in the United States who would regard any series of developments forcing the return of Louis as tremendously *(Continued on page 35)*

JIM JEFFRIES TALKS ABOUT OLD DAYS WITH FLEISCHER

One-Time Champion Recalls Stirring Episode as He Is Acclaimed on His Seventy-Fifth Birthday Anniversary at His Burbank, Calif., Home

By NAT FLEISCHER

OVER a stretch of years, Burbank, suburb of Los Angeles, has been accustomed to a celebration on April 15. The James J. Jeffries homestead has been the scene of these galas. But never before was there such a turnout of fistic and movie celebrities at a gathering as on the occasion of Jeffries' seventy-fifth birthday celebration. More than 250 friends of the California Boilermaker who won the world heavyweight title from Bob Fitzsimmons at Coney Island on June 9, 1899, paid homage to him. There were messages of congratulation from all parts of the world.

Honors were lavished upon him as he sat, his massive form wedged between the arms of an antique garden chair, his face beaming, and his mind no doubt wandering back to the days when he was master of the universe in things pugilistic. The patio overflowed with 300 guests, friends who made the old warrior happy as they surrounded him and sang and cheered him. "Happy Days Are Here Again," "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," "Happy Birthday to Jim," and "For Auld Lang Syne," were among the many lively tunes that enlivened the affair which started at 2 o'clock and wound up late in the night.

Great ringmen of the past, champions and near champions, some with cauliflowered ears, others, like the handsome Jack Root, with not a mark on them, mingled with civic leaders, neighbors and athletes in other fields, to make the occasion "the happiest in my life," as Jeffries expressed it. It was a memorable day for big Jim, and he enjoyed every minute of it, though he was mighty tired when the speeches and presentations had been completed. He is not in good health.

The greatest honor he received was the designation of the day by Governor Earl Warren, California's Chief Executive, as "Jim Jeffries Day." With that went a handsome scroll with the Gold Seal of the State and the signature of the Governor.

Among the gifts was a beautiful solid gold pen and pencil made expressly for him by the Waterman Pen Co., the gift of the members of the Boxing Writers' Association of New York.

Attorney Jerry Geisler, former chairman of the California State Athletic Commission, presided. Messages from Gene Tunney, Jack Dempsey, Mrs. James J. Corbett, Mickey Walker, Abe Greene, Jack Munro, of Australia, and Tommy Burns among others, were received.

Jeffries receiving a solid gold pen and pencil set made expressly for him by the Waterman Fountain Pen Co., a gift of the Boxing Writers' Association of New York, of which THE RING *Editor is president. Left to right, Nat Fleischer handing Jeffries the set; Jerry Geisler, former California State Boxing Commissioner and noted lawyer, Jeffries, Dan Long, 76 year old former policeman who fought Jeff his third battle as a pro and 90 year old Dan McLeod, former heavyweight wrestling champion and Jeffries' pal.*

Champions of the past greet a great heavyweight king on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday. Standing, left to right—Gorilla Jones, middleweight champion; Al McCoy, middleweight; Willie Ritchie, lightweight; Ceferino Garcia who fought several world champs; Bud Taylor, bantam king; Jack Root, 71 year old, whose bout with Marvin Hart for Jeff's vacated throne, Jim Jeffries refereed and Fidel La Barba, flyweight. Seated are Big Jim Jeffries and his life-long friend, Dan McLeod, former wrestling king.

AT no previous sports affair had so many champions gathered. Among the famous ring warriors who paid their respects to the Grand Old Man of Boxing were Jack Root, Willie Ritchie, Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, Al McCoy, George Chip, Fidel La Barba, Gorilla Jones, Bud Taylor, Ceferino Garcia, Joey Glick, Frank Moran and many more. Jimmy McLarnin and Willie Ritchie received Helms Hall of Fame Awards.

THE RING Editor received a silver panel from the Helms Award Committee.

Sitting in his easy chair, puffing away at a big black cigar, Jeffries spoke of his days as a fighter. "The past and the present!" Jim mused. "What a difference!"

Sitting at his side in chairs were two venerable gentlemen, one Dan Long, one year older than Jeff, and a ninety-year-old friend, Dan McLeod, holder of the world heavyweight wrestling title before Frank Gotch won it.

McLeod's sight is gone in one eye and the other is almost as bad, but an operation which Jeffries and the Helms Foundation will pay for, may save his sight.

It was in one of the Dans that Jeffries was interested until I could get him to discuss his fight with Jack Johnson and the current crop of fighters. Jeff got a big kick out of Dan Long's presence. He explained that Long, who started out as a heavyweight fighter, was knocked cold by Jeff in the second round on July 2, 1896, in Mechanic's Hall, San Francisco. Shortly after Long decided that fighting was too much of a hazard and joined the police department.

"He didn't know what was good for him," said Jeffries with a twinkle in his eyes, "but after serving twenty-five years on the police force, Dan learned that he had to take much more punishment than he did as a fighter." Long was Jeffries' third professional opponent, though the records have him as the first.

TELLING of his debut in New York, Jeffries, with a hearty laugh, reminded me of the sendoff he got from the scribes after his fight with Bob Armstrong, on August 5, 1898.

"They called me a big bum. Said I couldn't fight. Urged me to return to boilermaking. Ridiculed Bill Delaney for bringing me to the big city. Said I should have remained in California. Apologized to the public for having given me the publicity they did before the fight based on California reports," Jeffries chuckled.

"Yes, they sure did hand it to me for not knocking out Bob Armstrong and for not filling the second part of my contract by meeting Steve O'Donnell," the old warrior reminisced. "That visit to New York I shall never forget.

"If you were to ask me what, more than anything else in my

career, caused me to rise to the top, I'd say it was New York's razzing. It made me sore. I knew that I could do better. I knew I should have impressed the New Yorkers more, but they would not believe that I had broken my thumb, even after Tom O'Rourke, who promoted the show, held up my hand to show 'em."

Then Jeff went on to relate how he pleaded with Delaney, O'Rourke and the doctor to let him fight O'Donnell. "I was confident I could lick big Steve with one hand. But O'Rourke said, 'You won't fight Steve. I won't let you. That knuckle is broken and no fighter with a broken bone will fight in my club while I'm around.'

"I soon found out that he meant what he said," continued Jeffries. "He made a little speech in which he remarked that I worked against Armstrong with that broken thumb and proved my courage and that he would pay me the full amount of my contract though I could fill only half of it. I never forgot that kindness. Tom and I were great friends thereafter. When I left for California O'Rourke patted me on the back and said:

" 'Jim, you've got what it takes to be a great heavyweight. I believe in you as does Billy Delaney. Don't mind the razzing you got tonight. You're going to go a long way. Give that hand a rest then come back to New York. I think you'll be the next champion.' "

Those kind words of O'Rourke's sank deep into his brain, said Jeff. "They made me more determined than ever to become a second John L. Sullivan as I hoped some day I'd be, since John L. was my favorite."

And when on his next visit to New York, ten months later, in his first fight after the Armstrong battle, Jeffries knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons on June 9, 1899, at Coney Island, to win the heavyweight title, O'Rourke was elated.

"Tom was a great judge of fighters," added Jeff, "and his prediction came true. The New York skeptics had to swallow their sour words."

A party cake, weighing fifteen pounds, the gift of Burbank friends of James J. Jeffries, being cut by the former world heavyweight king while some of his guests look on. Left to right are, Jerry Geisler, noted California lawyer; Jimmy McLarnin, former world welterweight champion; Babe Davidson, a Hollywood friend of Big Jim and Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING. *Dan McLeod, 90 year old former wrestling champion, is sitting next to Jeffries.*

THOUGH Jeffries' two heart attacks have left their mark on him as on Mike Jacobs who suffered a similar ailment, Jeff's mind is still alert. He has no difficulty remembering past events, those that took place in the long-extinct horse-car era of New York. He seemed to take deep pride in discussing boxing with me in the bedroom of his Burbank home, a house loaded with antique furniture and mementoes gathered on his trip to Europe when he was Champion.

No matter how I tried to get him to talk about present day boxing, he switched to the past before getting too deeply involved in the present era, though I finally caught up with him.

Perhaps because aside from the amateurs he hasn't paid much attention to the pros in recent years, at least not since he became ill. He asked me when I saw Bill Brady last before his death and inquired whether his old manager had suffered long.

"Funny how Brady got me to sign up with him as my manager after all Bill Delaney had done for me to bring me into the spotlight. But it just had to be done and Delaney and I knew it. We either had to accept Brady as manager or I never would have gotten the shot for the title with Fitzsimmons," Jeff recalled.

Though I knew the story by heart because years ago when I was sports editor of the *New York Telegram,* Brady wrote it for me as part of a series in his reminiscences, I wanted to hear it from Jeffries' lips and egged him on to tell me all.

"I'm tired, Nat," he remarked. "This party is a little too much for me, but I appreciate your visit all the way from New York and you can have your interview."

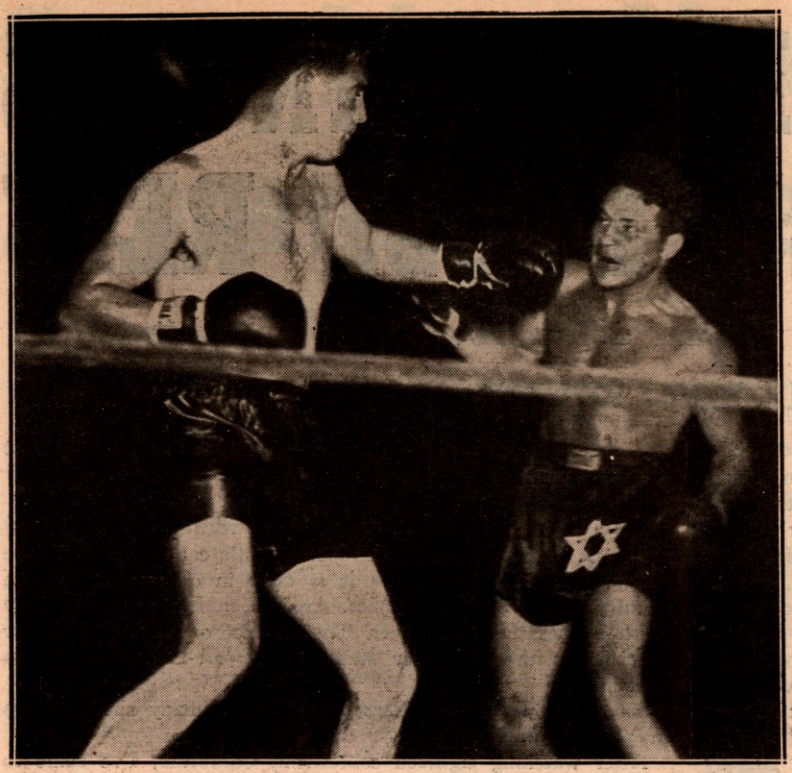
With that assurance, we continued our conversation. "After Delaney and I got back to California," said big Jim, "I told Billy that I thought it best to retire.

" 'Retire,' he repeated, 'why Jim, you're just beginning. Don't let those New York attacks get under your skin. I'll have you on top in another year. You have everything, Jim,' he kept on talking, 'and you'll soon prove it to the New Yorkers.'

"Those encouraging words meant much to me. I was satisfied that Delaney was right. I felt that *(Continued on page 39)*

IT MADE A WONDERFUL STORY

By EDWARD VAN EVERY



A scene in the fifteenth round of the world championship bout between Jimmy Braddock (left), and Max Baer in which Jimmy won the crown.

WHEN James J. Braddock wrested the heavyweight crown from Max Baer fifteen years ago, it made a wonderful story. And not alone because it provided what was in some respects the greatest fistic upset in heavyweight title history. The real wonderful story was rather in the faith and acumen of the recently deceased manager of the winner, Joe Gould, that brought about the seemingly impossible. The inside story of how the overthrow of the champion was planned and accomplished will be new to most readers.

"Seldom if ever," quoting from Nat Fleischer's *The Heavyweight Championship*, "has a challenger been given less chance to win than was Braddock." When the match was made by the late Jimmy Johnston, then matchmaker for the Madison Square Garden Corporation, it was derided as a mismatch by the press and the fight fans. Paul Gallico, then writing sports, predicted not only dire defeat for the challenger, but that he would be carried from the ring a physically wrecked human being for the balance of his days. This writer was among the legion who could not conceive at the time that Braddock would have a ghost of a chance against Merry Max for all the latter's pugilistic shortcomings.

STROLLING down 49th Street not long after the match had been closed we ran into Ray Carlin, prominent California manager of pugilists and who was to guide Lou Nova to a bid for the heavyweight honors, but, unfortunately for Carlin and Nova, against Joe Louis. Carlin, like others associated with the sport, could see no excuse for the match and said so. Merely to bait Carlin, the writer argued that Baer's neglect of his conditioning and his meagre equipment in fistic skill made for the possibility of an upset.

"Not against Braddock," scoffed Carlin. "Jim's done hardly any fighting since he was tossed out of the ring in a no-contest affair."

So was Gene Tunney given the heave-ho, we told him, in the same city in which he later made an ex-champion of Jack Dempsey. And, we added, how about Baer's refusal to have any part of a California rival, Hans Birkie, classed little more than a second-rater?

"That is a funny business about Birkie," Carlin said. "Birkie can fight Baer seven nights a week and make a monkey of the champion, and Max knows it. Hans did it day after day in the gymnasium out in San Francisco and had the number of Max so completely that no California promoter could get him in the ring with Birkie, and some of the offers were very attractive as their meeting would have drawn a big gate."

What did Birkie have, we asked, that made Baer shy from a ring clash?

"What Birkie had on Baer," Carlin replied, "was the know-how that would fool Max, and Hans could do it all night any night if he'd been given the chance. Hans had gotten wise to something about Max that made the latter a cousin for Hans. It was something no one else seemed to have caught on to, or if they did, they didn't seem to know how to do anything much about it the way Birkie could.

"What Birkie had on Baer," Carlin went on, "was the knowledge that Max had to get mad to be dangerous and that it wasn't in Max to keep himself mad. You see, Baer, at heart, is a big, good natured clown with the build but not the temperament of a fighter. He finds it hard not to be friends with even his enemies—there's no hate in his make-up. He can get riled but he can't stay that way for more than a few seconds.

"Birkie has it down pat how to stick and move around Max until Max gets mad—and when Max is mad he is dangerous. When he did get angry Hans wouldn't let Max fight, and you can't win if you are not let fight. He'd tie Max up or play chase me until Max's spasm of anger burned itself out and then he'd proceed to do a job on Max until Max had worked himself up into another lather and then, all over again, Hans would go about stopping Max from fighting until Max's gust of fury had evaporated and he couldn't do anything to Birkie, though Birkie did plenty to Baer in the way of slapping him around."

That same night was fight night in the Garden and in the lobby we ran into Gould. We mentioned what Carlin had had to say about Baer vs. Birkie. Gould listened attentively until we had finished and then he made a surprising request.

"There's something you can do for Braddock and me," Gould said, "and that is to go up to Loch Sheldrake tomorrow morning where Jim is in training. It is a nervy favor I'm asking of you, but I've a very special reason for doing so."

We said we had no inclination for a trip so far out of town when it could have no real story value, seeing Braddock would not start training, at least would do no sparring, for at least a week or ten days.

"I'VE a very special reason, as I've already told you," Gould said, "and I wish you'd let me tell you what it is before you turn me down. What you just told me of what Carlin had to say about Baer was more than interesting to me, for it so happens that I have already been tipped off to the very same thing—about Baer being dangerous only when he is mad and not being able to stay mad long enough for a sustained attack. A friend of mine on whose judgment I place great reliance, has also watched Birkie plastering Baer in the gym. This friend learned from Birkie's manager how it was that Hans always managed to make Baer look so bad.

"Two things are important to make Braddock the winner over Baer—condition and fighting Baer in the right manner. Those two will do the trick.

"When it comes to condition, it is a *(Continued on page 33)*

CALIFORNIA BOXING IS RUN UNDER LOOSE REIN

Art Aragon, "The Golden Boy of the Pacific Coast," the Best Attraction

By THE RING EDITOR

THERE is talk of Ike Williams jumping into the welterweight class in an effort to gain the crown in that division should Ray Robinson go after the middleweight title. Ike says that lack of competition is likely to force this decision.

Williams can postpone such action and earn $30,000 for himself by going out to Los Angeles to fight Art Aragon, one of the fightingest lightweights it has been my pleasure to see in many years. When I watched Art do a masterly job in stopping Guillermo Giminez of Argentina with a fusillade of hefty wallops at the Olympic Club in the second round, I wondered what made Al Weill of the Garden promotion staff wait so long to contact the colorful battler.

Here's a lad who'll take the Madison Square Garden fans by storm and who in my opinion is the only lightweight capable of taking the measure of Williams in a title bout. I'll place the stamp of approval on him and guarantee that New Yorkers won't be disappointed. The "Golden Boy," as he is dubbed on the Pacific Coast, has what it takes to draw 'em in at the gate.

In his fight with the Argentinian, one of many I watched on my recent tour of boxing centers, Art, before a gathering of 9,109 fans who paid $29,129.50, put his man away in 2.31 of round two in a fiery demonstration of fisticuffs in which he showed that he can take and give and has the knack of sharpshooting down to a razor's edge. The loser suffered the kind of punishment that eventually leads to quick retirement.

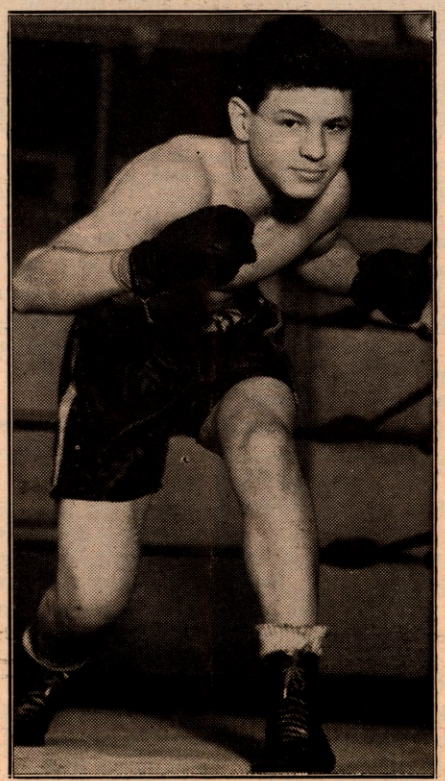
How he stopped Maxie Docusen in New Orleans, based on the shellacking he took from Aragon, is a mystery. Now that Aragon has stopped California's other leading lightie, Enrique Bolanos, and put the South American out of the way, he's ready for the best in the East, Ike Williams in a title bout preferred. He has earned that shot.

CALIFORNIA, like other world boxing centers, is suffering from lack of patronage at most clubs. But, as has been demonstrated throughout the country, give the fans the kind of fights they want and neither television nor radio will keep them away.

The cry that television is killing boxing is not true. It is hurting the gate to some extent, but it won't be long before the television fans of today will be the arena patrons of tomorrow, but only if matchmakers stop acting the part of wise politicians and cease using trash or talent that does not belong in the major arenas.

The Aragon-Giminez fight demonstrated that. A sell-out gathering saw the action. The scenes around the outside of the arena reminded me of Mike Jacobs' first promotion at the Coliseum of the Bronx where the streets were jammed with fans trying to gain admission for the Billy Petrolle-Barney Ross battle. Good fights will pack 'em in.

At the Ocean Side, California, Arena, another good sized house watched an excellent card put on by Babe McCoy, outstanding Pacific Coast promoter. He knows what the fans want.



Art Aragon, a colorful fighter with a hefty wallop.

THE fights in California are good but when one attacks New York on its manner of conducting fistic cards, especially the judging, he should see how it is done in other parts of the country before throwing stones. Again I must report that New York is tops the world over. The conduct of boxing is so far superior to that in other states or abroad that there is no comparison.

Take a bow, Colonel Eagan, despite the many shortcomings of your commission.

After watching eighteen contests in California, I've come to the conclusion that what the states need most in boxing, even before it raises the cry of lack of good talent, is to strengthen its hold on the judges and to adopt the New York system of keeping gamblers out of ringside seats. The influence the latter have upon poor judges—and they are exceptionally poor in California from what I saw, is abominable.

The California Commission is to blame for this rotten condition. By having a system of black and white corners, it encourages betting. In fact, the best ringside seats go to the odds makers. There is no supervision over them once the bout gets under way.

For a huge state like California, one of the nation's centers of pugilism, to permit gamblers to pound away on the canvas and root their men home, as often is done, is inconceivable.

No member of the State commission is in attendance to prevent such action as would be the case in New York. Even the cops aid. Split decisions are the rule rather than the exception, because of this lax system. Boys who are long winners frequently find the verdict against them or get a draw.

California has so much to learn from New York.

Through Abe Roth, the Pacific Coast's most competent referee, California uses the Australian scoring system, allotting eleven points to a round. A clean knockdown brings the loss of three points to the victim and he has a tough time making that up.

The system is as good as any in practice, but I prefer the Eagan four points system in as much as one doesn't have to worry about his arithmetic, especially when a half point is given to a fighter. No matter what scoring system is used, the same result can be reached if efficient judging is on tap.

On the whole, I cannot give praise to such judging as I witnessed on my visit to California. There is too much indecision. The fans' rooting seems to play too big a part in many of the verdicts. We are not infallible in New York, make no mistake about that, but our officials as a whole are superior to those in most parts of the country.

Something About Educated Fighters

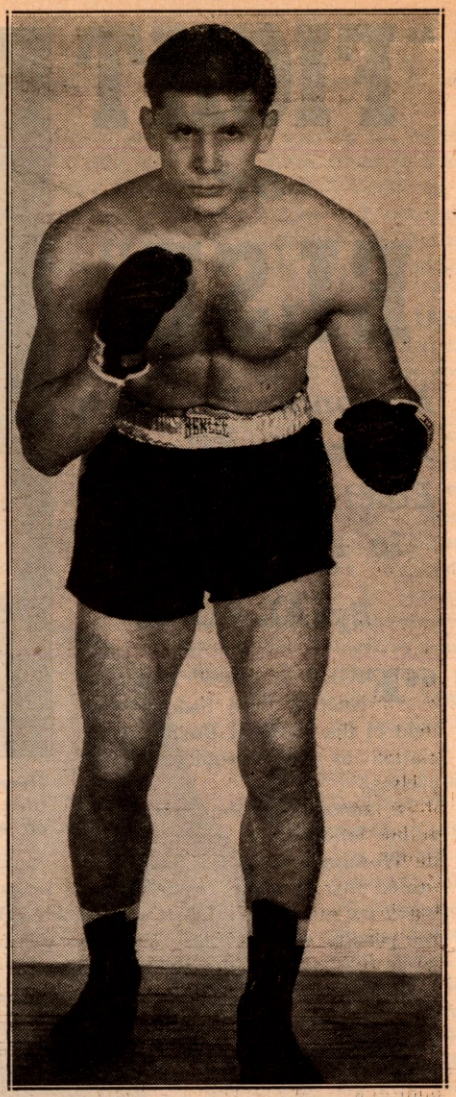
By **W. C. HEINZ**

ROLAND LaSTARZA is a 22-year-old heavyweight from the Bronx who trains hard and lives right and who ran up a string of thirty-seven straight wins before he went for his first loss when Rocky Marciano took a split decision from him in Madison Square Garden in March. He punches well and can take a punch, but he put in two years at the City College of New York, and so will serve as a peg for this piece.

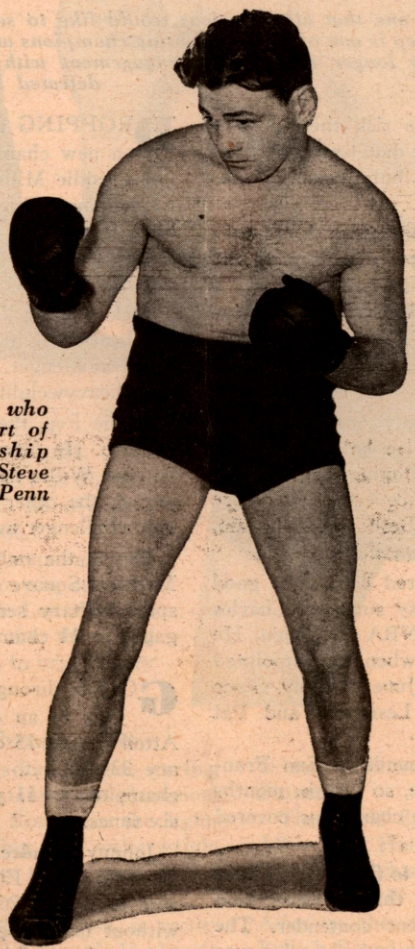
They have no objection to intelligence, but they do not care for educated fighters in the boxing business. They call them college fighters, and it is not a term intended to connote endearment. For years they have been citing Bob Pastor and Steve Hamas and Jack Torrance and Bob Nestell as proof that a knowledge of Chaucer, calculus and the chemical qualities of cadmium will do less than help a man in the ring. Now they have LaStarza.

LaStarza is the son of a Bronx butcher and as polite, personable and intelligent an athlete as you would care to find gracing any sport. He is a little short for a heavyweight—only five feet ten and a half inches—but he has the clean, hard, well-trained look of someone you might find playing guard for Earl Blaik at West Point.

This young man came into boxing because an older brother was in it first. He used to box with his brother when his brother fought amateur and, for a while, professional, and then, when he got out of the Army, he decided that this would be a way to make a living.



Roland LaStarza, latest college product to bid for fame and fortune in the ring.

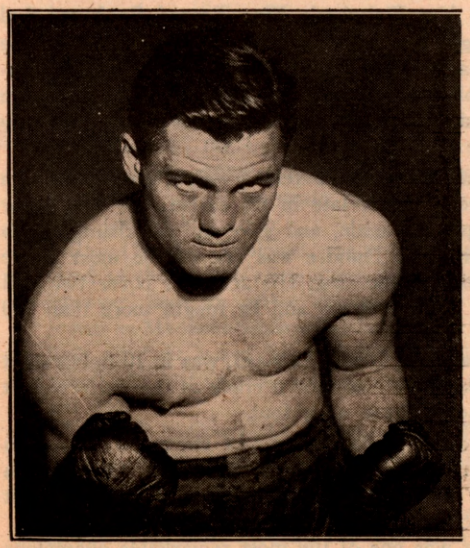


A collegian who fell just short of championship status was Steve Hamas of Penn State.

WHEN LaStarza first started to put together the wins that went to make up his string of victories the savants of the sport raised their heads. Here was a well-built young man who, as they say, could hold his hands up better than most young heavyweights new to the sport. He could jab. He could hook behind it reasonably well. He had a good short right. He was a long way from being a good heavyweight, but there weren't any good heavyweights, anyway, and maybe this would be the one who, if he kept coming along, would give the division class and carry it and all boxing along on his ample shoulders.

This enthusiasm or optimism was short-lived. It was found that while LaStarza improved, he didn't improve enough. He stood up too straight. He wouldn't step in with a right hand. He did the same things at the end of any twelve months as he had at the start. His basic trouble was that he couldn't or wouldn't improvise on the book.

That was when they dropped the college tag on LaStarza. Like all educated fighters, they reasoned, he was trying to get all of his fighting, like he once got all of his English, his mathematics, his chemistry, out of a book. This was a book written for him, so to speak, by Jimmy Brown, who trains him, and Jimmy DeAngelo, who manages him, and by all the fighters he had ever seen and studied. None of his fighting came out of himself.



Bob Pastor, New York University alumnus, came close, but not close enough, to the heavyweight title.

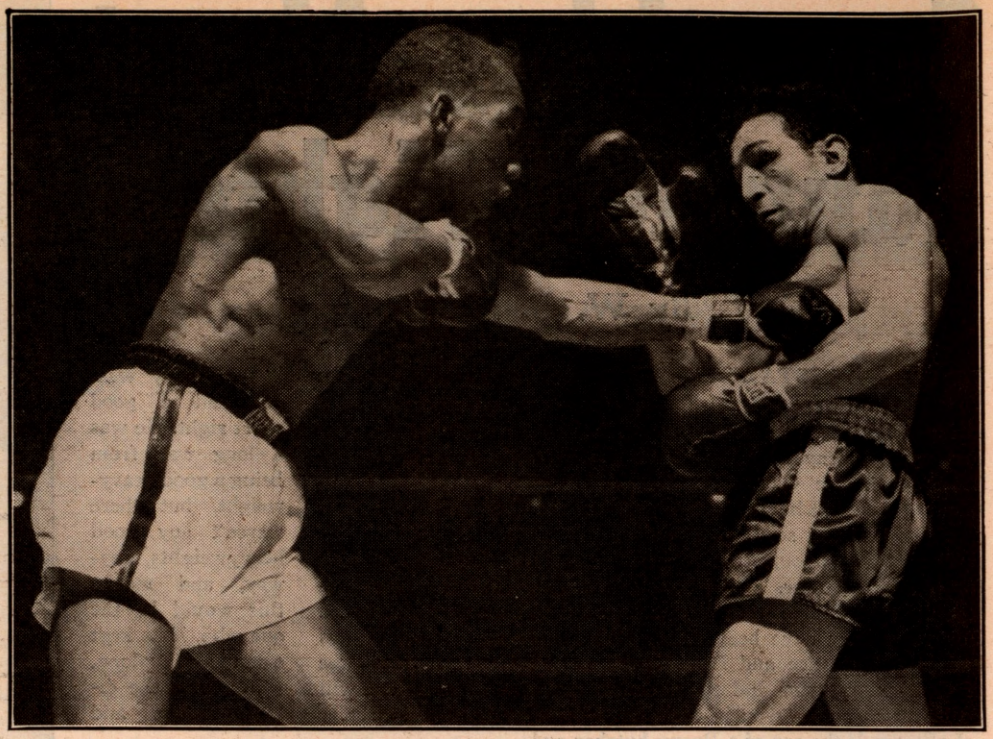
THERE was one typical example. On December 10, 1948, LaStarza fought Gene Gosney in the Garden and Gosney knocked him down twice before LaStarza knocked him out. Those who saw this fight liked LaStarza for it, because they saw him get off the deck, but this bothered LaStarza and he did not consider it flattering, and so he lost the lesson that should have come from it.

"I can't understand that," LaStarza said several weeks after the Gosney fight. "Once I fought a *(Continued on page 45)*

"FIGHT or ELSE"

National Boxing Association Issues Edict to Champions in All Divisions

By AL BUCK



Here's one that all fight fans would like to see repeated—a Saddler-Pep fight for the world title. Pep is one of the few fighting champions and he shouldn't mar his great record by holding off any longer on a return engagement with the man who dethroned him and was later defeated by Willie.

"FIGHT or else—" That's the edict of Fred Saddy, president of the National Boxing Association to the champions in all classes.

In announcing the new NBA policy following a recent meeting in Washington, D. C., Saddy revealed that the rule requiring fistic kings to risk their crowns every six months will be strictly enforced. He didn't explain what the penalty will be if any champion refuses, but the step seems to be one taken in the right direction.

The New York State Athletic Commission has a six months rule, too, but like his NBA opposites up to now, Col. Eddie Eagan, the chairman, has made little effort to enforce it. As a result boxing has suffered. No effort has been made to give qualified challengers a chance to win titles. Only one champion, Willie Pep, has fought in defense of his title at Madison Square Garden in the last year.

Pep is the exception, although not the only one, and while agreeing with the NBA's purpose, it may also be well to look at the record. Ezzard Charles is the National Boxing Association's heavyweight champion. A heart condition, discovered just before he was to defend his title against Freddie Beshore in Buffalo, forced Charles to withdraw from active competition.

Medical tests and examinations have restored Ezzard to good standing, and he already has plans for a busy summer. Charles is no Joe Louis, but he has been a fighting NBA champion. He established his claim to the American title when he outpointed Jersey Joe Walcott in 15 rounds at Chicago June 22, 1949. Since then he has risked it in battles with Gus Lesnevich and Pat Valentino.

Charles knocked out Valentino in eight rounds at San Francisco on Oct. 14, 1949. He hasn't fought since, so his six months are up. If physically fit, Charles is one of the champions covered by the NBA edict.

No commission ever had to order Joe Louis to fight. It has been said of Joe, as it has of all great champions, that he never beat anybody worthy of being called an excellent contender. The answer is that he beat everybody. That is everybody who was around and wanted a crack at the crown.

Louis defeated fat men and thin men, short men and tall men, punchers and boxers, foreign fighters and home town favorites. In all he defended the world heavyweight championship 25 times. He wasn't satisfied that knocking out James J. Braddock made him world heavyweight champion. He'd been beaten along the way by Max Schmeling. So Joe retraced his steps and knocked out Schmeling in a round.

It is too much to ask any champion to live up to the example set by Louis.

DROPPING down to the light-heavyweight division there is a new champion. Joey Maxim, clever Clevelander, knocked out Freddie Mills in London on Jan. 24, 1950. Maxim isn't open to challenge under NBA rules until July. The light-heavyweight king is waiting until Bruce Woodcock and Lee Savold have fought for the English version of the heavyweight title before making his move.

Jack Kearns, Joey's manager, would like to move Maxim into the heavyweight scramble. Meanwhile Archie Moore, a worthwhile challenger, marks time. The NBA doesn't think another light-heavyweight rates a chance with Maxim.

Willie Pep, the world featherweight champion, is in a similar position. He defended his title against Ray Famechon in March. In fact Willie has made two title defenses within a six months' period, the other being against Charley Riley in St. Louis. The only challenger available for Pep is Sandy Saddler.

Pep is the only champion to fight in defense of his title at Madison Square Garden this year. In the last seven years, despite military service and an airplane accident, Willie has engaged in 11 championship fights.

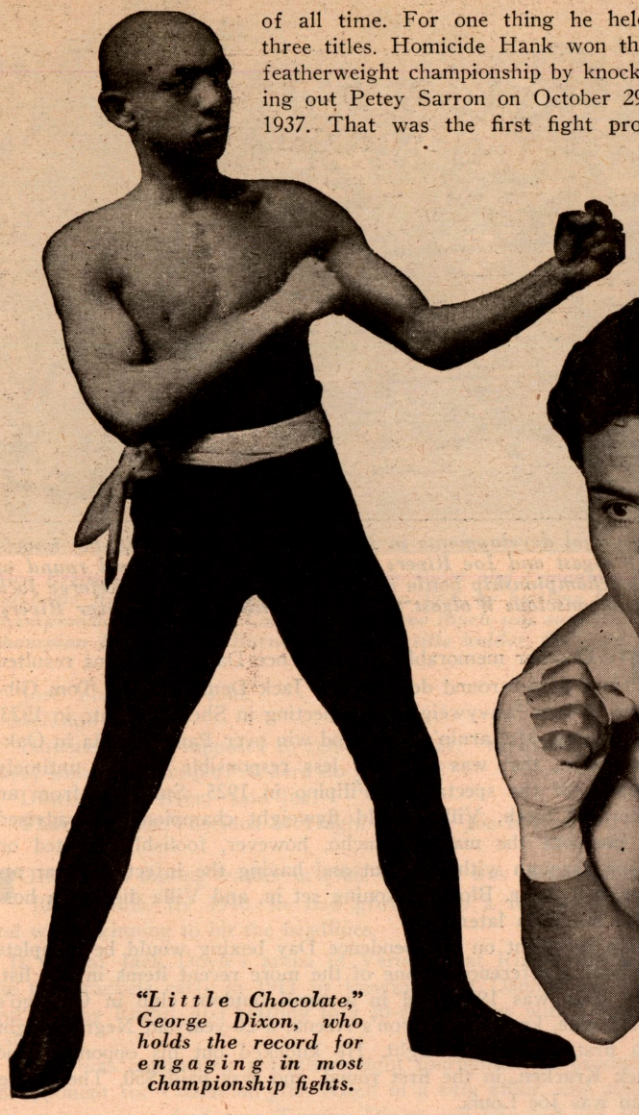
GOING through Nat Fleischer's *Ring Record Book,* we find that in an eight-year stretch—from 1904 until 1912—Abe Attell fought 15 championship bouts. He lost the title on February 22, 1912, to Johnny Kilbane. The latter was not an active champion. In 11 years he fought for the featherweight title only six times.

Johnny Dundee, another former featherweight champion, won the title from Eugene Criqui late in his career. He was never able to make 126 pounds again, and gave up the championship without defending it. Still Dundee was one of the most active fighters in the history of the ring. His activities cover two full pages in *The Ring Record Book,* and he fought more than 300 battles.

Another great champion, Benny Leonard, was in 10 lightweight title bouts in six years. He also took a crack at the welterweight crown, losing to Jack Britton on a foul.

Ike Williams, present world lightweight champion, made his last defense of the crown against Freddie Dawson in Philadelphia last December. Ike will be open to challenge in June, but at present is out of action with a fractured hand.

Henry Armstrong was one of the most remarkable champions



"Little Chocolate," George Dixon, who holds the record for engaging in most championship fights.

of all time. For one thing he held three titles. Homicide Hank won the featherweight championship by knocking out Petey Sarron on October 29, 1937. That was the first fight promoted in Madison Square Garden by Mike Jacobs. Armstrong never defended his featherweight honors as on May 31, 1938, he won the welterweight title from Barney Ross in the last fight ever held in the Garden Bowl.

In all he defended the welterweight championship 20 times in two years. He also found time to win and lose the lightweight championship in bouts with Lou Ambers, and to fight a draw with Ceferino Garcia for the world middleweight title. No commission ever had to urge Henry Armstrong to fight either.

BOTH featherweight and lightweight champion, Tony Canzoneri packed 21 title bouts into his long career, starting when he drew with Bud Taylor for the bantamweight championship. He held the lightweight title twice. Ross won the lightweight crown from Canzoneri before ruling the welterweight division in which he made ring history in three great battles with Jimmy McLarnin.

Ray (Sugar) Robinson, the welterweight champion, is recognized as the best to come along since Benny Leonard. He hasn't, however, been an active champion, and has yet to defend the crown in Madison Square Garden, where he won it from Tommy Bell. In four years Sugar Ray has risked the title only four times. His last defense was against Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia last July.

What Robinson lacks is competition. Both Billy Graham and Charley Fusari have passed up opportunities to fight him for the title. Ray talks about invading the middleweight ranks, but is balked by a New York Commission rule that says a champion in one class must give up his title before fighting for a championship in another class. This rule should be changed. It will, by the NBA next fall.

Mickey Walker campaigned in four classes, winning the welterweight and middleweight title, and failing three times in bouts with Mike McTigue, Jimmy Slattery and Maxie Rosenbloom, to win the light-heavyweight crown. He also fought such outstanding heavyweights as Jack Sharkey and Schmeling, the former before he was heavyweight king, and the latter after he had lost the championship.

Although Rosenbloom was called Slapsie-Maxie and was more or less a ring clown, he risked the light-heavyweight championship 10 times in four years.

Manuel Ortiz, whose record puts him well up among the leaders as a champion, in title defenses.

MANUEL ORTIZ was censured by the NBA for failing to defend the world bantamweight championship against Danny O'Sullivan for Promoter Jack Solomons in London, but on May 20 he defended it against Vic Toweel, in South Africa. Over the years no champion has a better record for meeting all comers.

Including his fight with Vic Toweel in Johannesburg, Ortiz has put the title on the line 20 times since he won it from Lou Salica in 1942. He lost it to Harold Dade in 1947, but regained it two months later. In 1943, Ortiz risked his crown eight times.

Prior to going to South Africa, Ortiz had not defended the title since March 1, 1949, when he outpointed Dado Marino in Honolulu.

The weakness in Ortiz's record up to now was his attitude towards fighting anywhere other than on his home grounds. He has fought pretty much on the Pacific Coast and in Texas. In the last year, however, he has been seen in Hawaii, Mexico, England, Scotland and France.

The world flyweight championship was at stake when Terry Allen beat Honore Pratesi in a bout to crown a successor to Rinty Monaghan, but over here Saddy is going to bat for Marino. The NBA will recognize the winner of a bout between Dado and Allen as the champion, but the European Boxing Union, the British Board of Boxing Control and THE RING recognize Allen as the new crown wearer.

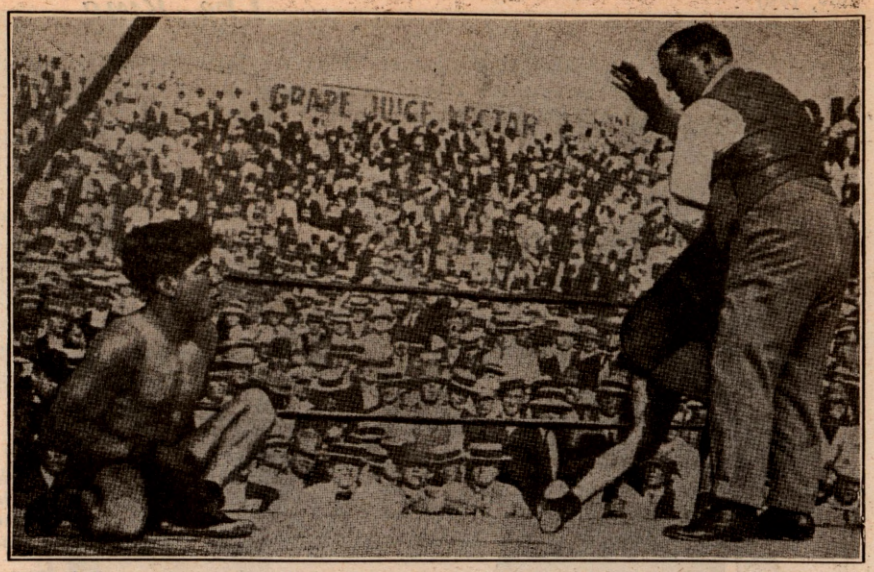
SO far as Commissions, the NBA, and even the International Boxing Club are concerned, Jake LaMotta, world middleweight champion, is above the law. He hasn't defended the title since he won it from the late Marcel Cerdan in Detroit on June 16, 1949. He would have fought Cerdan in a return bout if Marcel had not met his death flying the Atlantic.

The New York Commission tried to force Jake to meet one of six challengers, but LaMotta pleaded *(Continued on page 33)*

Fireworks On the 4th

Shied Away From by Promoters Now, Independence Day Was Important in Past American Boxing History—Wolgast and Rivers Supplied Sensational Ending in Their Holiday Brawl

By JERSEY JONES



One of the most sensational developments in July 4 boxing was the double knockdown scored by Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers in the thirteenth and final round of their world lightweight championship battle in Vernon, Calif., in 1912. Referee Jack Welch is seen lifting unconscious Wolgast to his feet while counting over Rivers.

THE years move on, and old habits and customs move along with them.

In the past a popular date for important fights, Independence Day, means little in the current American boxing scene. Too much competition from too many other holiday attractions offered on that day of distinction has been responsible for the leather-pushers shying away from Fourth of July activity.

But time was, and not too long ago, when many a classic chapter in ring history was written with an Independence Day setting. Championship and near-championship promotions were regular events on the Fourth. Probably the two most celebrated were heavyweight title affairs—in Reno in 1910, when Jack Johnson battered the relic of a once mighty Jim Jeffries into a helpless mass in fifteen rounds, and in Toledo in 1919 when the dynamic Jack Dempsey blasted mammoth Jess Willard out of competition in three riotous stanzas.

Nat Fleischer's 1950 *Ring Record Book* lists many another notable development with a July 4 date. In 1903, George Gardner knocked out Jack Root in the twelfth round in Fort Erie to become the first officially recognized light-heavyweight champion of the world. In 1906, Abe Attell, one of the most talented featherweights of all time, whipped Frankie Neil in a twenty-rounder in Los Angeles.

In 1907, Tommy Burns retained his heavyweight laurels by flattening Boshter Bill Squires of Australia in less than a round in Colma. The same afternoon, in another California ring, the first of four historic brawls between Stanley Ketchel and Joe Thomas resulted in a twenty-round draw in Marysville.

CALIFORNIA came up with another classic "double-header" in 1908, with lightweights in the starring roles. While Battling Nelson was battering his way to the title by stopping Joe Gans in the seventeenth stanza in Colma, Packey McFarland and Freddie Welsh, two of the cleverest boxers the division ever has known, stepped twenty-five rounds to a draw in Los Angeles.

Independence Day and lightweight title bouts seemed to have a particular fascination for each other. In 1911, Ad Wolgast, then champion, knocked out Owen Moran, the Britisher, in the thirteenth round in San Francisco. A year later Wolgast was credited with another win in the thirteenth round when he and Mexican Joe Rivers produced their historic "double knockout" in Los Angeles.

In 1913, Willie Ritchie, who had replaced Wolgast as boss of the division, gave Rivers another crack at the laurels, and halted him in the eleventh in San Francisco.

In 1916, Freddie Welsh, Ritchie's successor, won on a foul over Willie's predecessor, Wolgast, in the eleventh round in Denver.

The last lightweight title affair to be held on the Fourth was the one in which Benny Leonard stopped Rocky Kansas in the sixth stanza in Michigan City, Ind., in 1922.

TWO other memorable Independence Day promotions resulted in a fifteen-round decision for Jack Dempsey over Tom Gibbons in their heavyweight title meeting in Shelby, Mont., in 1923, and Jimmy McLarnin's ten-round win over Pancho Villa in Oakland, Cal., that was more or less responsible for the untimely passing of the spectacular Filipino in 1925. Suffering from an ulcerated tooth, Villa, world flyweight champion, was advised to postpone the match. Pancho, however, foolishly insisted on going through with the bout and having the infected molar attended to later. Blood poisoning set in, and Villa died in a hospital ten days later.

No comment on Independence Day boxing would be complete without a reference to one of the more recent items in the list. The year was 1934, and in a small outdoor club in Chicago's south side, known as Bacon's Arena, a 20-year-old Negro fought his first professional fight. He knocked out his opponent, one Jack Kracken, in the first round, and was paid $50. The young man was Joe Louis.

Independence Day has not figured prominently in fistic doings in recent years. Steadily increasing activity in other popular fields of holiday entertainment has made the competition too keen. What with baseball, horse racing, golf and the many other sports events crowding the schedule, and the beaches, mountains and other summer resorts beckoning temptingly to the populace, the Fourth no longer is regarded as an ideal day for major boxing enterprises.

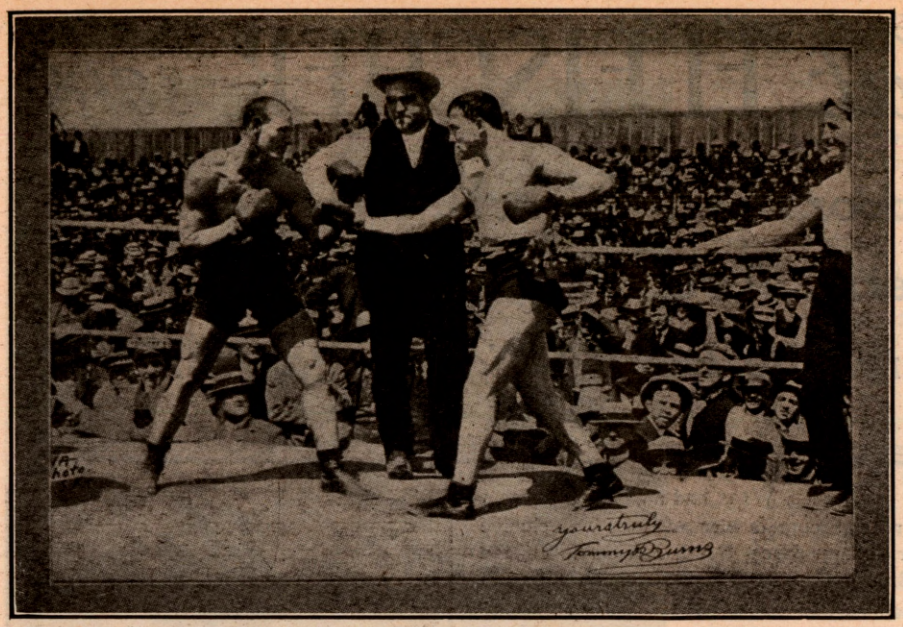
SINCE fireworks have long been a feature of Independence Day festivities, it was no more than appropriate for the whimsical gods of fistic destiny to select a Fourth to explode as exciting a load of pyrotechnics as the ring has known.

The Wolgast-Rivers fracas in Vernon, Cal., thirty-eight years ago produced one of the most sensational and bitterly-denounced endings in leather-tossing annals. Officially, Ad was credited with a knockout in the thirteenth round, but the champion's hand-picked referee, Jack Welch of San Francisco, was the guy who actually saved the lightweight title and won the fight for him.

Rivers, born Jose Ybarra, was a blend of Castilian and Indian stock, and the tremendous Mexican population in Southern California made him a popular box-office attraction in and around Los Angeles. A fine little fighting machine, Joe combined speed and cleverness with a punch that packed plenty of authority. He was managed by Joe Levy.

It was at the start of his career that Joe adopted the *nom de ring* "Rivers"—or, rather, had it tacked on him by Charley McHugh, announcer of the Pacific Athletic Club, operating at Naud Junction.

Joe was boxing in a preliminary there one night, and McHugh asked him his name.



Two Britishers—Australian Bill Squires (left) and Canadian Tommy Burns—helped celebrate American Independence Day in 1907 by battling for the world heavyweight championship in Colma, Calif. The Yankee touch was supplied by the referee, former champion Jim Jeffries. Burns, defending title holder, flattened Squires in first round.

"Jose Ybarra," he said.

McHugh blinked.

"Howinell am I supposed to remember that?" he asked. "How about something simple? Where do you live?"

"Down by the river," said Joe.

"That's it, then," decided McHugh. "You're Joe Rivers."

JOE started tossing leather in 1908, when he was 16 and scaled 105 pounds. By 1910, he had grown into a featherweight, and was beginning to hit the headlines.

It was at Jack Doyle's arena in Vernon that Rivers reached the top brackets early in 1911 by knocking out Danny Webster and Johnny Regan, and battling to a 20-round draw with Johnny Kilbane.

Doyle was conducting a featherweight tournament to produce an opponent for Champion Abe Attell in a title affair, and after Rivers won on a foul over Tommy Dixon and knocked out Joe Coster, Jack rematched him with Kilbane. The date was set for Labor Day, the winner to go in with Attell the following Washington's Birthday.

Rivers, only 19, and still growing, had difficulty making 122 pounds, then the class limit, and, weak at the weight, he was knocked out by Kilbane in the sixteenth round.

Returning to the ring as a lightweight, and still favoring the Vernon Arena for his operations, Rivers finished his 1911 campaign by flattening George Kirkwood and drawing with Frankie Conley.

Joe started 1912 off auspiciously by knocking Conley out in an encore, then stopping Jack White.

Feeling that Rivers had earned a crack at a world title, Doyle started dickering with Wolgast. The deal finally was closed, and July 4 set as the date. Among the concessions granted to Wolgast, as champion, was that he could name his own referee. His selection was Welch.

THERE never had been anything fancy in Wolgast's style. The stocky Michigander didn't believe in the niceties of boxing. He was a roughhouse brawler, and not always too "ethical" in his tactics. Butting and elbowing were regular features of his *modus operandi,* and, a vicious body-puncher, he didn't hesitate on occasion to drop a punch or two below the deadline.

The styles of the aggressive, slugging Wolgast and the fast, sharpshooting Rivers presaged some lively doings, and the 11,000 fans who crowded into Doyle's Arena were not disappointed.

Rivers was slightly ahead in points at the time of the sensational ending. The going had been rugged all the way, with both lads sopping up heavy punishment, but the younger Rivers appeared to be weathering the violent storm in better condition than the champion. Several times during the bout Joe's handlers protested to Welch that Wolgast was hitting low, but the referee paid no attention to them.

The twelfth was a particularly rough round for Wolgast. Outslugged in a savage exchange, and jolted by a series of rights that rattled off his jaw, Ad plodded wearily to his corner when the bell rang.

Then came the riotous thirteenth!

SENSING that his opponent was tiring, Rivers stepped out fast and staggered Wolgast with a right to the chin. But the champion steadied himself, crouched low, and, as Rivers came in, ripped a vicious left hook to the body that nearly doubled Joe up.

Rivers was hurt, but he bobbed and weaved his way out of trouble as Wolgast swung wildly in a desperate effort to cash in on his momentary advantage.

Rivers suddenly straightened up and peppered the champion's face with stinging left jabs.

Wolgast, snarling, crouched and walked in, swinging another left to the body. At the same moment, Rivers fired his right at Wolgast's chin. The two punches landed simultaneously, and the rivals tumbled to the floor, Wolgast sprawling out face down and Rivers sitting on the canvas, clutching his groin, and writhing in apparent agony.

The crowd, predominantly pro-Rivers, promptly let out a thunderous roar of "foul!" Almost unanimously, the reporters at the ringside agreed that Wolgast's left *was* low. But Referee Welch blandly ignored the clamor. He looked at one fighter, then at the other, and began to count over both.

At four, apparently convinced that neither would be able to rise by ten, Welch suddenly reached down, lifted the unconscious Wolgast to his feet, and held him up with one arm while he continued to toll over Rivers with the other.

Amid all the excitement and confusion, Rivers struggled to one knee at six, and pulled himself unsteadily to his feet at eight, when the bell rang, ending the round.

WHILE their seconds were working frantically over both lads, Welch walked over to Wolgast's corner, and raised Ad's right hand, signifying that the champion had won. Wolgast tried to rise, but promptly collapsed.

Despite the fact that the gong had clanged at his count of eight, and Rivers was on his feet, Welch insisted the fight was over, that he had counted Joe out, and Wolgast was the winner.

The tumult and the shouting that followed Welch's decision really were something to behold. The incensed crowd, yelling angry imprecations at the referee, surged menacingly about the ring, and for a few wild moments it looked as though Welch was in for a violent manhandling, but he did a fast exit through the milling mob and suffered nothing more serious than a few rough bumps and shoves along the way.

There was no boxing commission supervising the sport in California in those days, and a referee's say was final. Fantastic as it was, Welch's decision was official. Wolgast had won by a knockout in the thirteenth. . . .

The raw deal he received in that fracas resulted in Rivers being given another crack at the title a year later at Jim Coffroth's club in San Francisco. His opponent this time was Willie Ritchie, who had taken the laurels from Wolgast in Daly City the previous November. Joe found the new champion a tougher problem than Wolgast had been. Willie handed him a bad lacing before knocking him out in the eleventh.

Yes, many a classic chapter, with an Independence Day setting, was written into boxing history. But the years do move on, and old habits and customs move along with them. To the American sock market now, the Fourth of July is a grand holiday.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Outdoor Boxing Season Takes Fine Turn

Eagerly Await Woodcock-Savold Bout

Dauthuille Proves Right to the Title Tilt

BOXING activity went into high these past few weeks. What had appeared to be an exceedingly dark outlook for this summer has become a pleasant one. The change started to develop when Manuel Ortiz left for Johannesburg, South Africa, to engage in a title bout with the best bantam in the British Empire, Vic Toweel, on May 31.

Then came the report that Lee Savold had landed in London and had set up training quarters for his heavyweight battle with Bruce Woodcock. That put an end to speculation whether the much-talked-about contest would take place.

The announcement by the British Board of Boxing Control that it had abolished its rule prohibiting non-Britons from appearing on a boxing card against each other in the British Isles, followed.

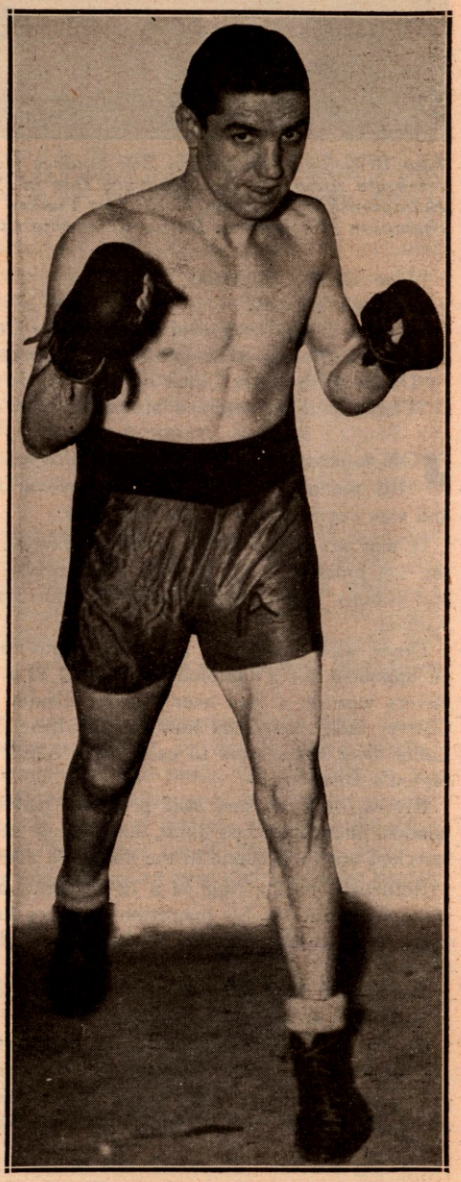
Those three items caused considerable stir in boxing circles. The Ortiz bout automatically assured South Africa of the biggest match it has had in more than a decade. Should Toweel win, as South Africans freely predict, then in Ortiz, it will have a good battler for one more contest, according to contracts.

The Savold item assures England of a sell-out show and the possibility that through the enactment of the rule permitting two foreigners to fight on its shores, England may see a real battle for the world heavyweight title.

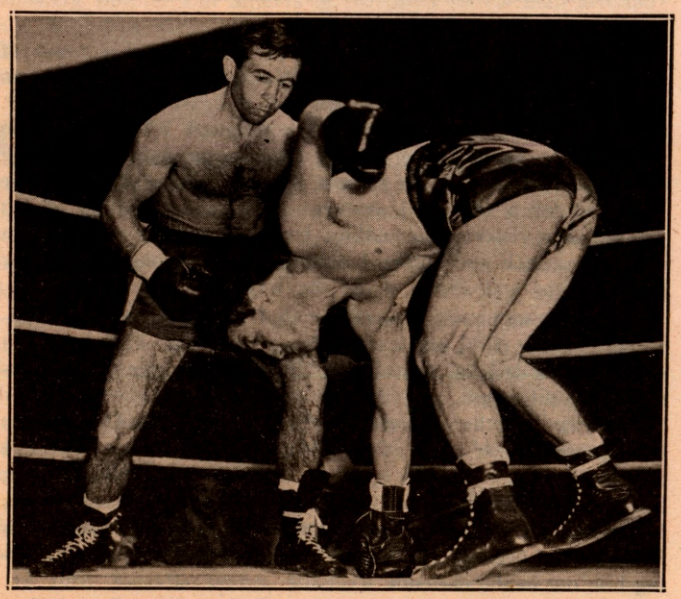
That new rule also may crimp the plans of the International Boxing Club which operates in New York, by taking from America some of its best talent for title bouts in London.

Discontent is likely to bring into Solomons' lair such stars as Joey Maxim, Sugar Ray Robinson, Ike Williams and Willie Pep. Solomons can offer huge purses, tax free, payable in American dollars and with a seating capacity of 56,000 at White City Stadium, he can now bring to England America's best attractions.

He has the upper hand in boxing right now and Col. Eddie Eagan of the New York commission and Jim Norris of the I.B.C., as well as Abe Greene and Fred Saddy of the N.B.A., are well aware of Jack's strategic position. The B.B. of B.C. certainly put a fast one over on the Americans, when they altered the non-Briton rule.



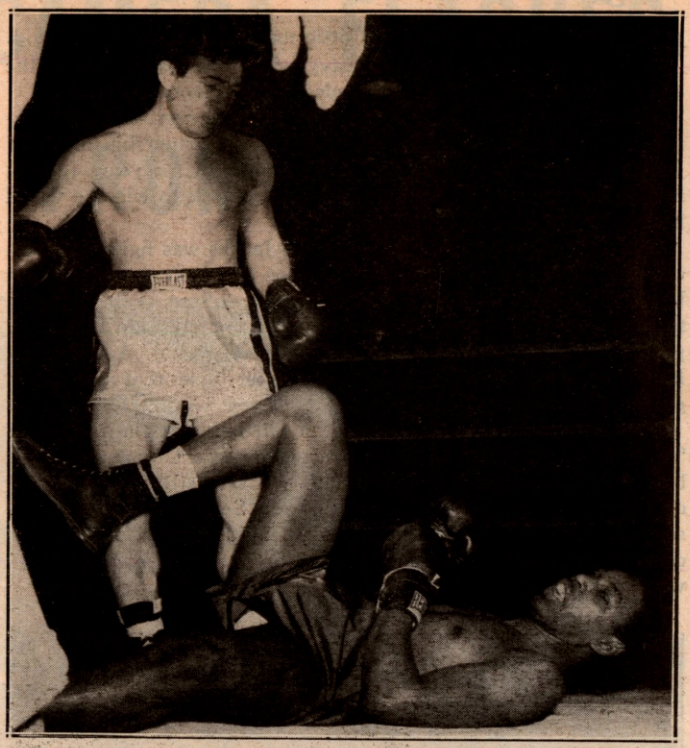
Terry Allen, whose victory over Honore Pratesi gained for him the throne vacated by Rinty Monaghan and THE RING'S *145th championship belt.*



British featherweight Al Phillips stands over Ronnie Clayton, holder of the British and Empire championships, who slipped during an early round of their fight at Empress Hall, London. Phillips won the ten round non-title fight. He previously had lost the British and European crowns to Clayton.

BOXING has been just one headache after another for the Garden since Mike Jacobs' illness caused his organization to disintegrate. Despite several lucrative shows during the past year as Jim Norris has publicly announced, his clubs have lost money and he hasn't drawn a dime in salary since taking over.

To bolster its hold on the sport, the Garden, with Jim Norris as an ally, formed the International Boxing Club and bought out not only Uncle Mike, but the organization that had been giving Jacobs considerable trouble—the Tournament of Champions. Now, with the purpose of creating another "Tournament of Champions," George Carter, partner of Tex Rickard, has tossed his hat into the New York fistic arena as a promoter with the announcement that he is out to get Pep, Robinson and LaMotta to defend their titles for him.



Rocky Graziano sends Danny Boy Williams, of Detroit, to the canvas in the first round of their bout at New Haven, Conn. The former middleweight champion had his opponent on the floor four times before Williams was counted out in the third round of an uneven match.

Though he has no arena in the Big City, and the cost of meeting the demands of the building and fire department in putting Ebbets Field within regulations for fight promotions is terrifically high, Carter could get Roosevelt Stadium and Ruppert Stadium in New Jersey. It was at those parks that the Tournament of Champions operated and the same matchmaker who worked for that club, Andy Neiderreiter, is at the helm for Carter.

Thus the monopoly which the International Boxing Club has enjoyed up to now may be threatened. Jack Kearns, manager of Joey Maxim, maneuvered the deal with Carter to fight the I.B.C.

Personally, I don't think Jim Norris has anything over which to worry. The I.B.C. can take good care of itself.

Much of the boxing news centered around the middleweight division with Jake LaMotta as the center of attraction.

By his victory over the highly rated Steve Belloise over whom he scored a knockout in the seventh round at Montreal, Laurent Dauthuille, who defeated LaMotta last year, has become one of the four leading contenders, who include Ray Robinson, Robert Villemain and Dave Sands. Villemain, Dauthuille and Robinson rate title shots. Villemain has two victories over Dauthuille, one gained in 1947 and the other in 1948. Dauthuille since has rolled up a fine record.

Dauthuille was defeated only once in America and that only because he was forced to come down to 154½ pounds to fight Kid Gavilan—a subnormal weight for the Frenchman, who is toughest and at his best as a full-fledged middleweight. His bout with LaMotta in Montreal was a great contest, a bloody affair that thrilled the Canadian fight fans. Laurent can fight. Make no mistake about that. If he gets the chance at Jake again, he will probably bring back to France the crown that Marcel Cerdan lost to LaMotta.

Not in years has boxing had such headlines on the sports pages during circus month in Madison Square Garden as during the past month. It's a good sign.

NOW that Terry Allen, the London fruit peddler who fought a fifteen-round draw with Rinty Monaghan a few months ago, has defeated Honore Pratesi of Marseille, France, in the same number of rounds at Harringay, there can be no doubt as to who is the successor to the retired Monaghan as world flyweight king. Allen, holder of the British Empire title and Pratesi, acknowledged king of the European battlers in his division, fought for the vacated throne and Allen succeeded in gaining the decision.

In view of the fact that these two were the outstanding challengers for Rinty's throne when Monaghan was still at the helm, and that the cream of the world's talent is in Europe, THE RING now recognizes Allen as the new world champion and will present him with a belt when THE RING Editor goes abroad for the Woodcock-Savold battle.

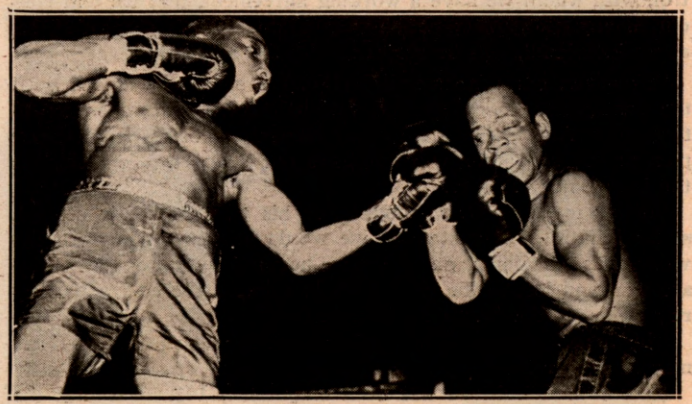
Dado Marino of Hawaii is the only American flyweight who has any class and he has been inactive this year. Last December 22 he lost to Tirso del Rosario in Manila in ten rounds and three months previously he was halted by the same fighter in five. Marino each time scaled a heavy bantamweight. He is the man who has been listed by the National Boxing Association as the outstanding American contender and has been named as a challenger for the vacated throne. The N.B.A. also in its last ratings selected Jan Sneyers of Belgium as another challenger though Sneyers lost to Peter Keenan in their recent contest in London, and Keenan is not listed by the British Board nor the N.B.A. as a strong contender.

Based on the above, there is no reason why Allen should not receive international recognition as world flyweight king. That's what he is now that he has taken the measure of the European champion and fought a draw this year with the retired king. No further elimination is required to settle Rinty Monaghan's successor.

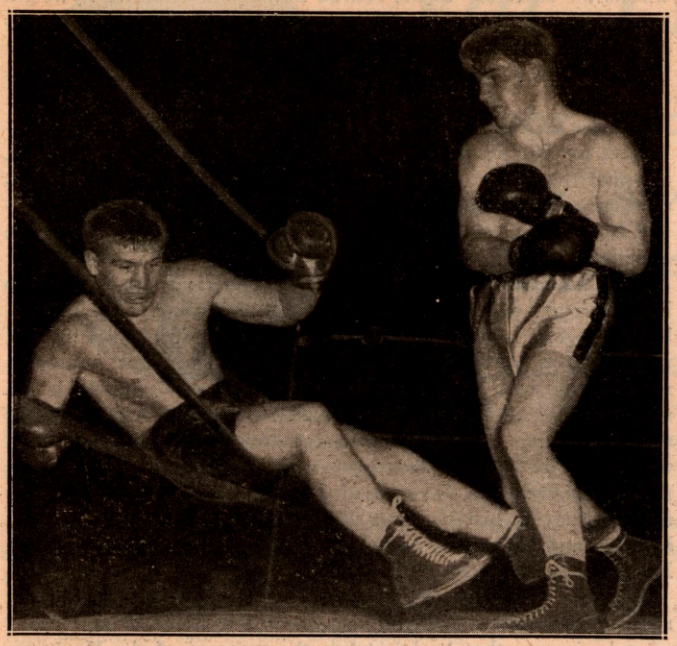
It would be a splendid gesture if Allen were now to place his crown on the line against Marino if only for the purpose of giving an American a chance to fight for the championship but whether he does or not, Terry is the title holder. Marino has been fighting as a bantam, but his manager insists he can easily make the flyweight limit. That remains to be seen. Dado says he has been fighting in the upper division because of lack of flyweight competition.

Allen and Pratesi didn't give any sensational performance in their title bout though it was a bruising battle, according to the report of THE RING correspondent. Allen's sharp left jabs brought him the victory and the title. The Frenchman swarmed over his opponent in the closing rounds but his spurt towards the finish was insufficient to overcome the lead Allen had gained. Pratesi had won a ten-round decision over Allen a year ago. His best frame was the eighth round where he scored heavily with stiff body punches. Allen fought a masterful battle toward the end in warding off the Frenchman's blows by catching most of them with his gloves.

THE fight between Luis Romero of Spain and Danny O'Sullivan, booked by Jack Solomons as for the world bantamweight title because of the runout of Manuel Ortiz from the



Sandy Saddler (left), former world featherweight champion, shoots a left jab to the protected head of Reuben Davis, of Philadelphia, during the third round of their bout at Laurel Garden, Newark, N. J. Referee Joe Walker halted the bout at the start of the eighth round.



One of the nation's better young heavyweight prospects, Utah's Rex Layne, is seen punching Grant Butcher of San Francisco through the ropes during their ten-round battle in Salt Lake City. The aggressor all the way, Layne gave Butcher a good going-over, but couldn't put him away, and had to content himself with the decision. It was Layne's 18th victory in 19 professional bouts.

O'Sullivan bout, resulted in O'Sullivan's being halted in the thirteenth round after being dropped four times.

Thus O'Sullivan, who was originally billed to fight Ortiz for the crown, eliminated himself from further consideration as a challenger. By his victory Romero retained his European crown and became the leading contender for world honors.

No matter what action is taken against Ortiz by the British Board of Boxing Control or the N.B.A., the fight between Ortiz and Toweel in Johannesburg will be definitely for the world crown. Col. Eddie Eagan of New York has so decided and Abe Greene, National Commissioner of the N.B.A., also has ruled that the winner will be the world champion. The European battle was for the European title only, regardless of the booking by Jack Solomons.

In a message to the California Commission requesting information on the N.B.A. stand in the Ortiz case, the National Boxing Association through Abe Greene, sent the following:

"There is sufficient evidence that Champion Manuel Ortiz had pledged himself to fight for Jack Solomons and switched his allegiance to Johannesburg when a better offer came along. Hence we have given an assurance to the British Board of Boxing Control, with whom we have a working agreement, that we will concur in any disciplinary action they might take. If suspended, he, as an individual, will be suspended by the N.B.A.

"However, our concurrence in BBBC's suspension ended with the contractual obligation and we shall stand with them up to that point. Any move to withdraw recognition of Ortiz as champion or his conqueror will not have our support. We discipline the boxer, not the title.

"If for instance, Ortiz should lose his title, in a fair contest, under full title circumstances, we would naturally recognize the winner as champion on the time-honored premise that titles are won and lost in the ring. This in spite of the contractual irregularity of the South African contest."

This is as it should be. The title cannot be vacated though Ortiz may be suspended.

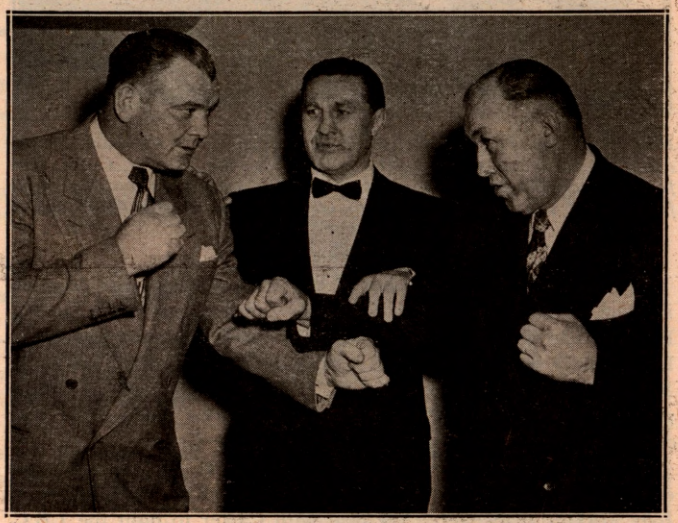
Now that O'Sullivan has been eliminated, I suggest that the winner of the Johannesburg fight tackle Luis Romero. He deserves a shot at the crown and will probably win it if given the opportunity. Such a bout in Europe would be a huge attraction. In Spain it would draw a tremendous gate and likewise in Johannesburg if Toweel is the winner.

ON April 22, Joe Gould, the little man who managed James J. Braddock, former world heavyweight champion, died at the age of fifty-three after an extended illness from leukemia.

His passing recalls one of the slickest deals ever made in boxing, a contract that called for a ten percent partnership in all of Joe Louis' earnings in boxing over a stretch of ten years following his knockout triumph over Jimmy Braddock to win the world heavyweight crown.

That deal, made at a time when Mike Jacobs was fighting Madison Square Garden for boxing promotion supremacy, though it set Uncle Mike back several hundred thousand dollars, enabled Jacobs to become a millionaire, gained for him a partnership in boxing promotion with Madison Square Garden Corporation and made him the czar of world pugilism from the time that Joe Louis gained the title until his retirement, eleven years later.

The deal for a time threatened to kill boxing. The charge of "a sellout" was raised in many quarters by sports commentators, by rival promoters and sports columnists. When Braddock, acting on the recommendation of Jacobs' lawyer, Sol Strauss, and at the suggestion of Mike Jacobs and Joe Gould jumped his Garden contract to fight Max Schmeling in a contest for the world heavyweight championship, the Garden's directors did the unusual—



Three of a kind—all world champions! Jimmy Braddock, who won the world heavyweight title in 1935, playfully squares off with Jack Sharkey, who took the title in 1932, at a recent reunion. Former light-heavyweight champion, Tommy Loughran, who won his title in 1927, gets in on the act as the referee at "Break the Bank" night, a major network program.

they ordered a Federal Court test of the legality of their contract with Braddock.

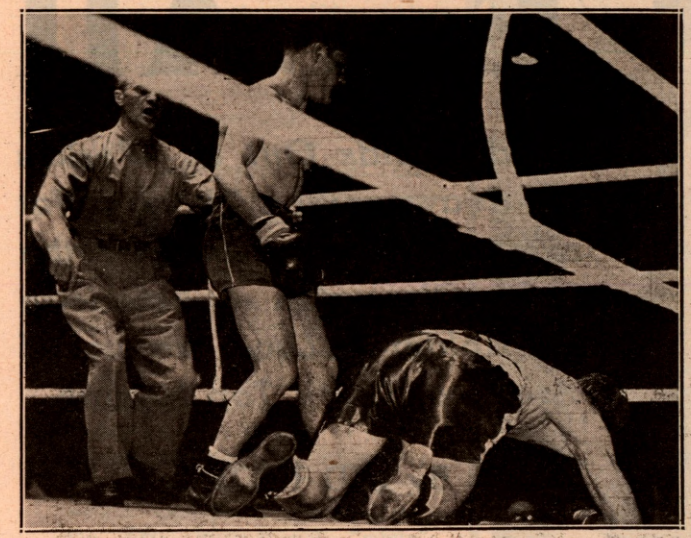
The result of that action was a knockout blow to the Garden. The court ruled that the contract was illegal in that it was one-sided. Thus Braddock and Louis were given the green light and their championship battle, staged in Chicago, resulted as had been expected, in a knockout victory for Louis and the start of a fistic dynasty for Mike Jacobs. After he had won control of the heavyweight crown through the Braddock deal, Uncle Mike hedged on full payment. He balked on the final five years of the agreement and another court action was started to test Gould's and Braddock's rights to the ten percent of all of the fights staged by Jacobs in which Joe Louis' title was at stake.

Mike denied that such a contract existed. Gould, a shrewd manager of the old school, had "borrowed" the original contract from Mike's safe, made a photostat of it and replaced the original.

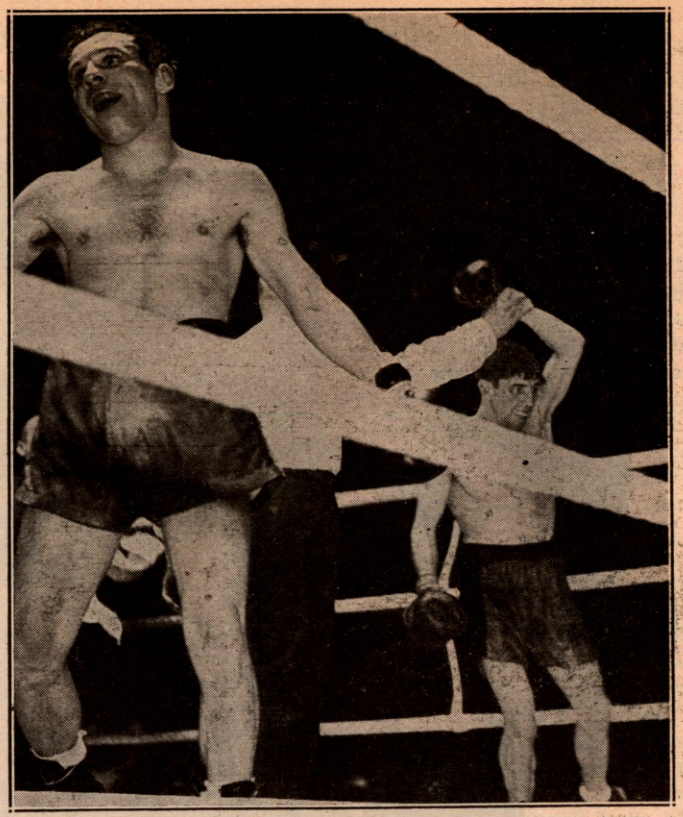
When Mike learned that Gould had the goods on him, he decided not to contest the case and settled with Gould out of court. This was one of the few times in the many years of activity in Mike's life that he had to acknowledge defeat by a manager.

Some folks called the Gould-Braddock-Jacobs-Louis deal a fistic "sell." It certainly was a shrewd deal that gave ten years of protection to Gould and Braddock in the event Jimmy lost his world heavyweight crown. *(Continued on page 47)*

CAMERA FLASHES FROM LONDON



Luis Romero, Spanish bantamweight marvel and European champion, has Danny O'Sullivan, England's leading challenger for Manuel Ortiz' title, down for the eleventh time and out in their Harringay Arena bout. O'Sullivan was originally scheduled to fight Ortiz, who backed out to accept a more lucrative match with Vic Toweel, British Empire title holder, in Johannesburg.



Terry Allen, the Islington barrow-boy, just has gained a 15-round decision over Honore Pratesi of France at Harringay, and has his hand raised in token of victory by the referee. Allen has been recognized as Rinty Monaghan's successor by the European Boxing Union, the British Board of Boxing Control and THE RING *Magazine. He has received a championship belt from Nat Fleischer, the 145th awarded to champions. Chairman Fane of the British Board of Boxing Control accepted the award for Allen at a luncheon of the New York Boxing Writers' Association.*

Allen, in all his titular regalia and the Terry smile, visits his cronies in the Islington Market. When asked what he now intends to do since he is a world title holder, Terry answered: "I'm going to continue what I've done in the past, but I shall now own my own store and add considerable to my merchandise. I shall also see that my children are well provided for and that they won't have to do what I did in my early life."

Charles Leads 'Em All

Ezzard Stands Out as World's Best Heavyweight, Though Not Universally Recognized as the World Champion — American Title Holder Is Lone Product of Army to Reach Top Honors

By SID FEDER

Ezzard Charles, who developed his fighting skill in the world war.

IT SEEMS that every ham-and-egg heavyweight who wins two fights in a row is immediately tabbed by some wide-eyed prophet as the bright shiny star everyone has been waiting for to come out of the army and take charge. If the aforementioned wide-eyed prophets will merely take a look at what's going on around them, they will discover a pretty good heavy has been on hand all the time, since checking in his soldier suit. We can't predict at this writing what his future will be due to his heart ailment, but as of this writing, he tops world heavyweight boxers.

If Ezzard Charles doesn't fill the bill as the heavyweight boss, then you'll have to ask some other guys besides Jersey Joe Walcott and Joe Baksi, because Ezzard raised enough lumps on them to prove it. At least everyone in the fight business acknowledges that he's the American heavyweight king.

And if Charles didn't come out of the army to do it, then—well, no one ever called two years in Italy's mud and mountains, complete with $60-a-month and "C" rations, a 4-F vacation. Remember, Ezzard's only real shot at the heavies up to 1946 was to lose a ten-rounder to Jimmy Bivins in 1943. Other than that, he was maneuvering among the middles and light-heavies, strictly, in his pre-war beak-busting.

A lot of the W. E. P. (see above) like to pooh-pooh Charles with the gag that he's "not big enough to be a real heavyweight champ." That's the bunk.

As a matter of fact, every time the laugh that Ezzard, at 180, isn't a full-sized heavy, is brought up, there's a whirring noise offstage. This is no doubt caused by the remains of Ned Price spinning in his grave, to say nothing of Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons, who toted all of 167 pounds the night he took the title from Jim Corbett, or Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who scaled 153½ when he fought a 20-round draw with Tommy Burns, and 161 the night he went six rounds to no-decision with Jack Johnson.

AND does anyone recall Joe Louis' toughest title defense—a little taffy-pull back in 1941, when Billy Conn had him whipped for 12 rounds? Wealthy Willy—he's struck oil in Oklahoma here lately—was exactly 174 pounds that night.

But to get back to Ned Price. Edmund Enoch Price was the complete handle. He was born an English Quaker—and what a Quaker is doing fighting is one for Groucho Marx and his quiz show. Price went to Oxford University, learned to speak half a dozen languages—including the Chinese—then came to the United States, opened a saloon in Boston and got a job as a court interpreter, back around 1852 or so.

You might say he was the Mike Jacobs of his day, because he made a lot of the important matches right there in his saloon. And after a while, he decided he could fight as well as a lot of the fighters he was matching, so he threw a pitch at it.

Well, his first start was in Newark, N. J., and he won it by a knockout. On May 1, 1856, he tangled with Joe Coburn, who later became the American champ, at a spot called Spot Pond, in Massachusetts for $300 a side. Now, Coburn was a 190-pounder, but Price stood him even for a little matter of 3 hours and 20 minutes. It went 160 rounds, which is the record for a bare-knuckle fight in this country. Then it was called—on account of darkness.

Price went on to recognition as the U. S. champion, and kept on fighting until the Civil War finished his career. Then he studied law, passed the bar exams and hung out his shingle in New York for years.

He also wrote a few plays for John L. Sullivan later, and acted some himself.

Quite a guy was Edmund Enoch Price, Oxford scholar, fighting Quaker, saloonkeeper, linguist, lawyer, playwright, actor and heavyweight champion of the U. S.—at 156 pounds..

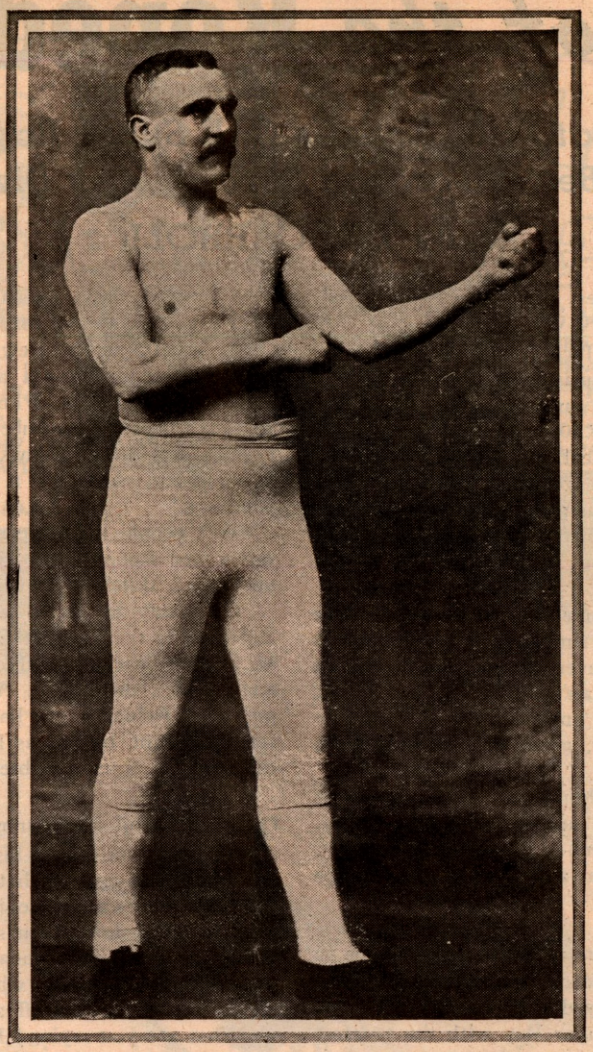
PRICE is only one of the "big-little" heavyweights, too. A glance through Nat Fleischer's 1950 RING Record Book, in fact, shows you that where heavyweights have been concerned, the

size of the bone has had nothing to do with the flavor of the sirloin. And you can go all the way back to the 1790's, and before, back to when Dan Mendoza became the first Jewish fighter to take the world's heavyweight crown—and at 160 pounds, too.

As a matter of fact, a total of 20 heavyweight champions—American, British or world—never weighed as much as 179 pounds when they were mashing noses. And three of those 20 would have had to carry a 10-pound bag of potatoes to get over 160.

There weren't any "cheese champs" among them, either. Take Tom Sayers, for instance. The "Napoleon of the Prize Ring," they called him, and he was one of England's greatest. He was 34 years old, and exactly 152 pounds when he tangled with John Camel Heenan, a 195-pounder out of West Troy, N. Y., who was labelled the "Benicia Boy."

They collided in 1860 at Farnborough, England, in what Nat Fleischer's book, "The Heavyweight Championship," says was the first international "white" heavyweight title bout. Sayers, giving away 43 pounds, stayed in there and punched with Heenan for 2 hours and 20 minutes. They were only in the 42nd round when the crowd broke into the ring and ended it in a riot. Incidentally, the only man ever to defeat little Napoleon Sayers was Nat Langham, and he scaled a grand total of 156.



Ned Price who holds a remarkable record as fighter, promoter, author, linguist, lawyer, playwright, and actor.

IT WASN'T long after that another pretty fair country clouter came out of Troy. John Morrissey, an Irish-born belter, had arrived in the U. S. as a child and settled down in the upstate New York city of laundries. He was all of 175 pounds when he took to fighting. He whipped Yankee Sullivan, an American title claimant, in 37 rounds in 1853 and, five years later, took the American crown from the 195-pound John Heenan in 11 rounds.

Morrissey left the ring after that, made a fortune out of operating gaudy gambling joints in Saratoga and New York City and finally went into politics.

He was elected to Congress twice, and in 1877 was named to the State Senate. He died before he could take office however.

Go all the way back to the era in which Mendoza made a "gentleman's sport" out of the art of cauliflowering ears by developing scientific boxing for the first time. The Spanish-English-Jewish stylist revolutionized the trade back in the 17th and beginning of the 18th century. He fought, too, until he was 56.

Not long after Mendoza came Tom Owen, who won the British title—at the "heavy" weight of 168. Owen is credited with inventing the "dumb-bell" for exercising, incidentally.

Or, take Tom Paddock. From 1850 until he had to go into retirement for three years in 1855 because of his health, he had only one fight at less than 49 rounds. One of his tussles went to 121 rounds. And he weighed 175.

Even before Mendoza there was Tom Faulkner, in the mid-1700's. He was a 175-pounder, too, and was as famous for his cricket playing as for his boxing—and when he was 50 years old, at that.

IN THE early part of the 19th century, one of the most colorful of all fighters popped up. Bendigo was his fighting tag. His full name was William Thompson. His fighting weight was a mere 165, yet, he took on Ben Caunt, a 210-pound giant, three times. In 1835, Thompson whipped the Goliath in 22 rounds in spite of the 45 pounds he gave away. Three years later, Caunt defeated him on a foul in 75 rounds. But in 1845, Bendigo came back from a seven-year retirement and regained the English title from Caunt in an early-day upset. That third one only went 93 rounds.

Bendigo fought until he was 39, then retired. He gave Henry Armstrong something to shoot at 100 years later, for, like the modern-day "Buzzsaw," Bendigo took to the pulpit and became an evangelist.

One of the first Americans in the international walloping spotlight was Bill Richmond, billed as "The Black Terror" from Staten Island, a patch of real estate in New York harbor. During the British occupation of New York in the Revolutionary War, General Earl Percy wanted some special entertainment for the fancy private parties he pitched from time to time.

Someone dug up Richmond, and the General ordered him matched against this British soldier or that one. Richmond belted them all over with no trouble.

The General liked his stuff so much that when the shooting stopped, he took Bill to England to move in on the pros. Richmond was a 175-pounder, but it took the famed Tom Cribb—who scaled 200 pounds—an hour and 30 minutes to beat him in 1805. At that, the American was 39 years old then; Cribb was 26. When Richmond was 52 he whipped Tom Shelton in 23 rounds, and three years later, at 55, he came out of retirement to defeat Jack Carter.

THROUGH the year you'll find them—the "big little" belters, who prove that size among the heavyweights is no more important than the color of their shoelaces. Jem Mace, the Norwich gypsy who fathered the modern school of British boxing and was England's last world champion under London Prize Ring rules, was a 160-pounder. Tom Allen, who came to this country and defended his title by trouncing the 207-pound German giant, Ben Hogan, near St. Louis, in 1872, weighed only 175.

Tom Cannon, who scaled 166 and was known as "The Great Gun of Windsor," laid off seven years, from 1817 to 1824, then came back to dispose of a challenger to his crown. When he was 35 years old, he finally lost the title. At that, it took one of England's greatest to do it—Jem Ward, whose birthday (Dec. 26) is celebrated throughout the British Empire as "Boxing Day."

Come closer to home, and you find the same thing. Jim Corbett took the title from John L. Sullivan in 21 historic rounds at New Orleans in 1892. Corbett weighed 178 that night, to 212 for John L.

By 1897, Corbett was up to 183. Skinny Bob Fitzsimmons came along at 167 and flattened him in 14 rounds at Carson City, Nev. In fact, Fitz was still unbeaten as middleweight champion at that same time, and wasn't to win the light-heavyweight title until six years later.

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Marvel *of the* Roped Square

That's What Fistic Experts Call Sugar Ray Robinson, the Best All-around Boxer in Any Division

By TED CARROLL

IS Sugar Ray Robinson the greatest boxer of the last half century?

Although a recent poll designated Jack Dempsey as the man, with Joe Louis as runner-up, a surprisingly large number of fistic experts, old and new, can't see anybody but Robinson as the best all-around fighter of the past 50 years.

They have some good, sound, logical arguments to back up their opinions. Let's lend an ear to the genteel and dignified Mr. Jimmy Bronson, for example. Active as a manager and promoter since the turn of the century, Mr. Bronson certainly qualifies as a genuine authority on things pugilistic, and here's what he says:

"I don't see how you can fail to name Ray Robinson the best fighter of the past 50 years, for the simple reason that he can do anything any other boxer could ever do and maybe just a little bit better. Pound for pound, I can't recall a harder hitter. On the other hand, I have never seen anybody who is harder to nail with a good punch. Great hitter, great boxer—what more can one ask?" explained Mr. Bronson.

"I've seen them all since Gans," chimed in veteran publicist Francis Albertanti, "but I can't rate anyone over Sugar Ray. Those four wins over LaMotta sold me—a welterweight licking a good, tough middleweight! And what a fighter he is when the chips are down!"

SUPPORT for Robinson comes from an unexpected source in the person of the oldest living former world's champion—Frank Erne. Erne, sprightly, clear-eyed and mentally alert at the age of 75, unhesitatingly ranks Sugar Ray with the greatest of his day.

"This boy is a natural. He does everything just as well as any fighter I have ever seen," is Frank Erne's tribute to the current welterweight champion.

As might be expected, the younger generation of boxing observers can't see anyone but Robinson as top man in the pugilistic parade. The case for Sugar Ray is best expressed here by Harry Markson, mastermind of the International Boxing Club, which stages bouts in Madison Square Garden. Harry, who is still on the youthful side, doesn't place himself in the same category with long-timers like Bronson, Albertanti or Erne, but reasons it this way:

"With all due respect to all the good fighters who were before my time, I can't conceive of a better fighter than Ray Robinson, and here's why. If you take all the requisites necessary for a great boxer, you find that Ray Robinson not only possesses them all, but does everything to perfection. Everybody agrees on that. So, to be better than Ray Robinson you have to improve on perfection. I ask you—is that possible?"

MOST of the old-timers in the fight business agree that only Leonard and Gans rate with the Harlem Hotshot in both the skill and punch departments.

Veteran scribe Ed Van Every, while recognizing Robinson's greatness, is still loath to rate him above Benny Leonard. Van Every looks at it this way:

"For all-around ability the two were about the same. In my opinion, if there is an edge, I would give it to Leonard because he was such an outstanding repeat performer.

"Take the two Tendler fights, for example. In the first, Tendler gave Benny all kinds of trouble. The second time they clashed, Lew never had a chance. Benny knew what Tendler was going to do before Lew did.

"Now, against Marty Servo, Robinson had to go all out to win both times. I think Leonard would have had Servo pretty well figured out the second time where Robinson still had trouble."

The equally ancient Lew Raymond doesn't see it that way.

"Sure, Leonard was a wonder, but he fought a lot of fellows smaller than he was. I know, because he fought some of them for me. I can't remember ever hearing about Ray Robinson fighting any little fellows. They're usually bigger than he is. Leonard-Robinson, it's a close race, but I'll go along with Robinson."

Fight people today generally have a class all to himself reserved for Robinson. A typical opinion here is voiced by Promoter and Matchmaker Chickie Bogad:

"I'm ready to argue with any man in the world that Ray Robinson is the greatest fighter that ever lived. They can bring in all the Mickey Walkers, Tunneys, Armstrongs, Dempseys and Louises they want. All those guys were either boxers or punchers. Robinson can box as well as anybody ever could, and for his weight, he hits as hard as anybody ever did. What more can you ask from a fighter?"

THE careful and canny Irving Cohen, manager of Rocky Graziano, in one of his rare unguarded moments some years ago, got off an opinion that represents the feelings of most of his fellow managers about Robinson. Cohen was managing tough Terry Young at the time, when someone hopefully hinted at a Young-Robinson match. The audacity of this proposition brought about one of the few moments when Cohen has lost control. Soft-voiced Irving really sounded off as he yelled:

"What are you saying! Ray Robinson! Why, he's the greatest fighter that ever lived. I'm a manager, not an undertaker!"

Since they don't come any smoother or smarter than Irving, his words should carry a lot of weight.

Among his battling brethren, Robinson commands a similar respect. Ike Williams is a lightweight champion who would ordinarily be challenging the welterweight title holder, but so long as that title holder is Ray Robinson, Ike admits that nothing is further from his mind.

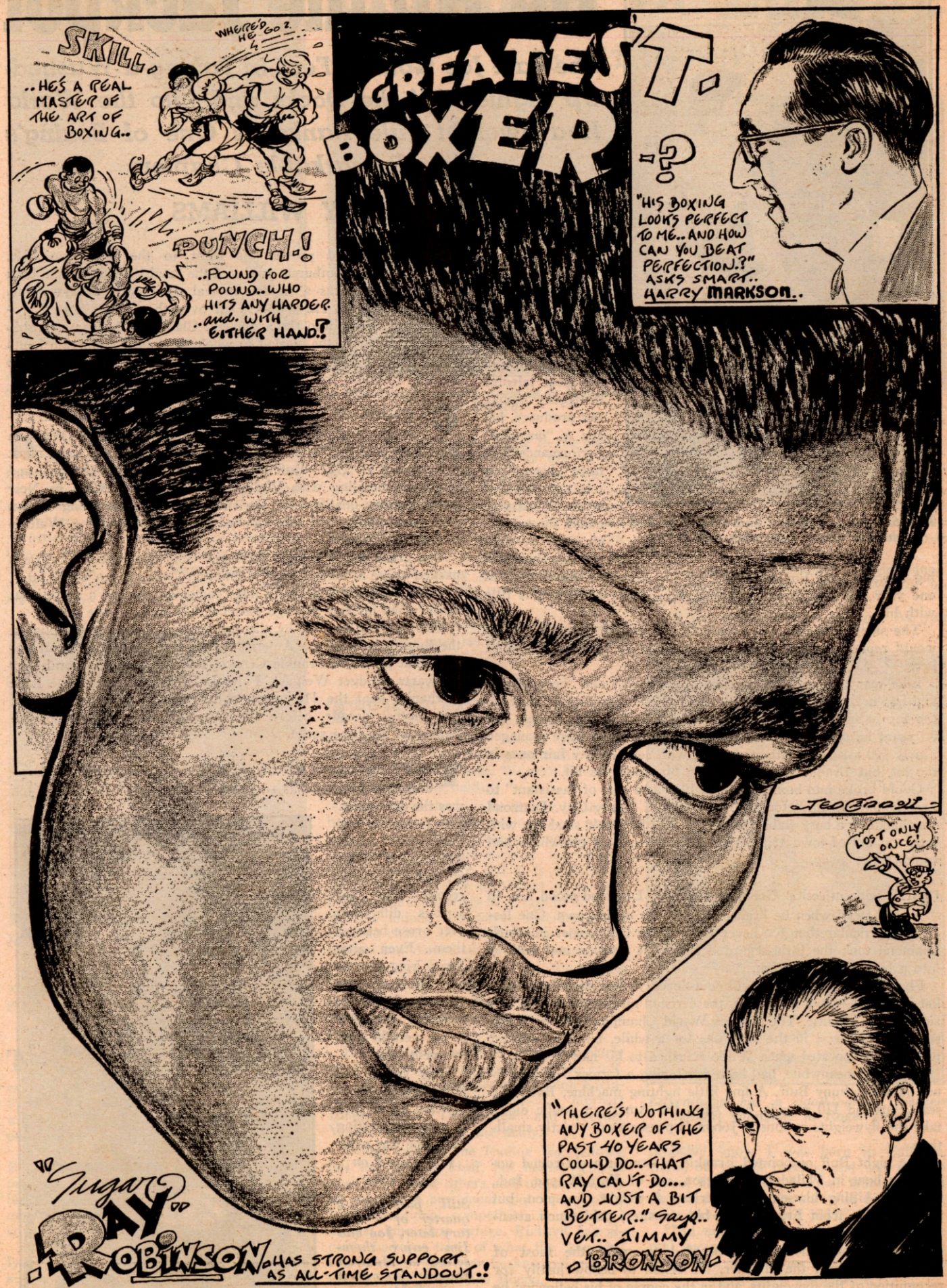
Such a fight could mean a $50,000 purse for Ike, but it's still nothing doing. In his own division, things have reached the stage where Robinson, the champ, is willing to make concessions to get a challenger into the ring with him. He even goes so far as to offer to split the purse with capable Charley Fusari.

Fusari is apparently willing to forego a probable 25-grand-plus, and a chance at the title, in favor of tangling with middleweights rather than get in there with the welter king. This is unprecedented.

In years gone by, no matter how formidable the champion, the contenders seldom passed up the opportunity for a crack at his title. This is no discredit to Fusari, who is a good welterweight, but just goes to show how far Robinson towers above the rest of his division.

RAY ROBINSON has been much criticized, and with reason in many instances, but fight followers are unanimous that he is probably the most "humane" of all the great boxers. It is no secret that Sugar Ray often goes in there with the idea of doing as little harm as possible to an opponent. In such cases he puts on a show of every fancy boxing trick ever heard of, to the usual delight of the spectators and with a minimum of wear and tear to his foe.

With punchers, he is seldom so charitable, however, since he cannot afford to be. On those occasions, he sends them in as hard as Louis or Dempsey ever did, *(Continued on page 32)*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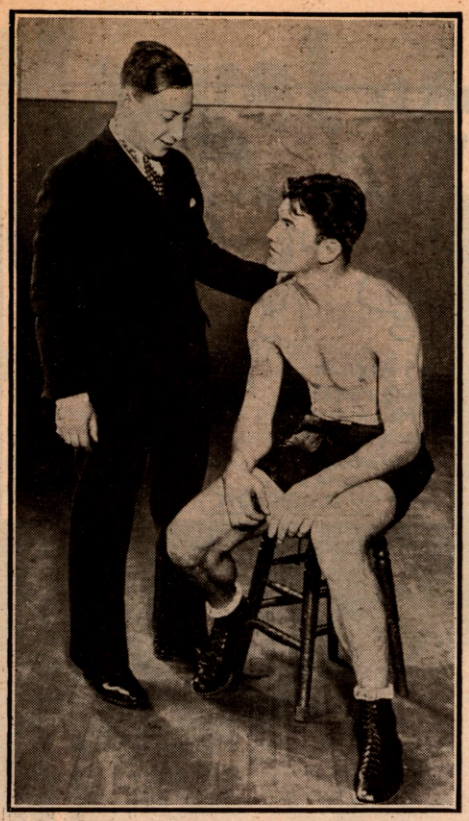

The firm of Joe Gould and Jim Braddock when it began operations in 1925.

He Hit the Jackpot

The Late Joe Gould's Feat in Taking a Washed-Up Fighter Off the Docks and Into the World Heavyweight Title Ranks as One of Boxing's Most Remarkable Chapters

By BILLY WILLIAMS

JOE GOULD, who died recently in New York at the age of 53, may not be rated by ring historians as one of the most talented managers boxing has produced, but for a "one-shot" performance there have been few jobs accomplished in the industry to match the one engineered by dapper Joe in hauling a washed-up Jim Braddock off the Hoboken docks and, in one year and four bouts, winning the world's heavyweight title with him.

The story, however, has been told and re-told so often that it would represent a needless waste of space to repeat it in detail here.

Like many an author who has clicked with one "best seller," and has never come up with another, Gould was unable to reach the top brackets with any other fighter he handled. During the 30 years he spent in the business, little Joe must have managed nearly 100 assorted leather-pushers, with some pretty fair ones in the lot, but Braddock was the only "jackpot" he hit.

Gould broke into boxing back in 1919 as a sort of "assistant" to Lew Diamond, the "Honest Brakeman" of Jersey City. Diamond was handling a busy stable of fighters, and he would send Joe with them on out-of-town trips when he was tied up elsewhere and couldn't get away.

THE apprenticeship Gould served with Diamond stood him in good stead when he branched out later on his own. One lesson in particular that Joe never forgot, was the manner in which Diamond took the little-regarded flyweight division and built it into a big-time proposition.

Flyweights were worth a dime-a-dozen in the American market in 1919. Created in Britain, the division meant nothing on this side of the Atlantic. The visit of World Champion Jimmy Wilde stirred up interest in the wee 'uns for a while, but that interest promptly evaporated when Wilde returned to his native Wales.

Diamond, meanwhile, had been developing a former Navy product named Johnny Buff. A fine little fighting machine, Buff only scaled around 110 pounds, and since the American public didn't take the flyweights seriously, Johnny's purses were strictly small-time.

One night Buff outpointed Frankie Mason in a six-round no-decision bout in Philadelphia. Mason, out of Fort Wayne, Ind., had been billing himself as American flyweight champion, but no one, aside from Frankie and his manager, paid much attention to the claim.

Lew Diamond, however, proceeded to make the most of Buff's victory over the Hoosier. He began to bellow lustily for recognition of the flyweights, and in the course of his bellowing he insisted Buff had proved his right to the American title.

His oratorical outbursts produced the results Diamond had been seeking. There was a sudden revival of interest in flyweights. Almost overnight 112-pounders all over the United States projected themselves into the argument. Claims to the championship were unloaded on the market in wholesale lots. Elimination bouts began to get under way, and the flyweights found themselves getting attention from the public they hadn't known before.

GRADUALLY, the eliminations narrowed down to four survivors—Buff, Mason, Abe Goldstein and Patsy Wallace. Both halves of the "semi-final" round were staged the same night —February 11, 1921—Buff meeting Mason in New Orleans, and Goldstein tangling with Wallace at the Pioneer Club in New York. Johnny qualified for the showdown by outpointing Mason in fifteen rounds, and Abe cinched his bid by knocking Wallace out in the seventh.

The grand finale brought Buff and Goldstein together before a packed house in New York's Manhattan Casino seven weeks later, on March 30, and Diamond's lusty campaign reached a sensational finish when his tiny protege flattened Goldstein in the second.

The interest aroused by the competition definitely established the flyweights with the American public, and the subsequent parade that produced Frankie Genaro, Pancho Villa, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, Midget Wolgast, Fidel LaBarba and other fine little mechanics kept the 112-pounders basking in the fistic limelight for another decade, before they gradually dropped out of the American big-time scene.

THERE have been few manager-fighter combinations that operated as long and as smoothly as Gould and Braddock. Joe was the only manager Jim ever had. The pair started and finished together, and it is not on record that any serious difficulties ever arose between them. Even after Jim's ring career was finished, the two continued in business together as partners in various ventures.

How Gould and Braddock happened to team up in 1925 is an interesting yarn. Joe was man-

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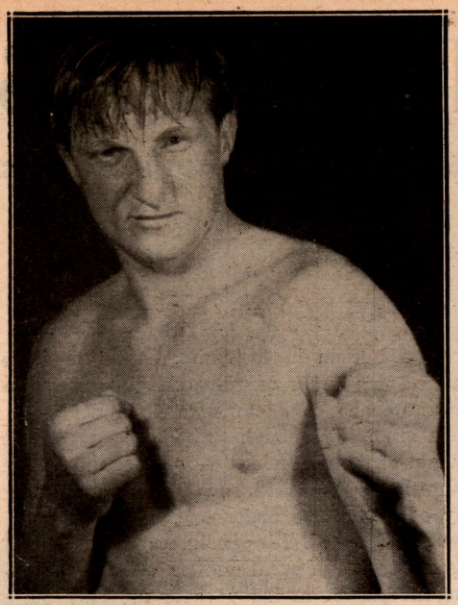
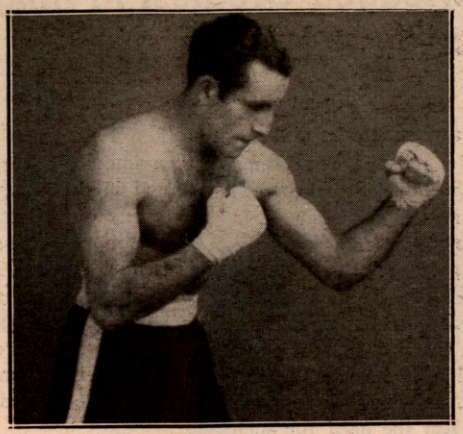
Still partners, a quarter of a century later, Joe and Jim enjoy themselves at Madison Square Garden fights.

Fighting *in* Europe

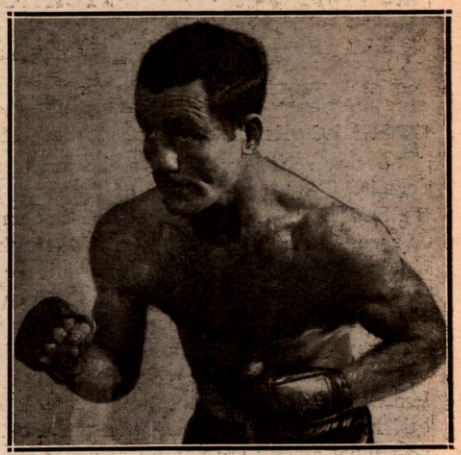
By NAT LOUBET



Richard Grupe, a German heavyweight, who has broken the ice by competing against a fighter from outside the Fatherland.



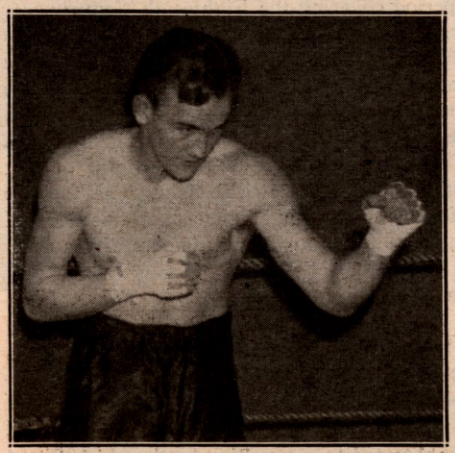
A lightweight showing promise is Britisher Peter Indaco.



Aaron Joshua, from Calcutta, India, a lightweight who is pleasing the fans in British rings.

WITH boxing in drastic need of new talent what is more likely than to look across the seas in foreign lands for the boys who will add color and supply that much needed transfusion into the fistic flow.

Fighters who satisfy the fans are the perpetuators of boxing, be they headliners, lads on the way up, or lads who are headed nowhere but are in there pleasing the crowds. They are all needed and each in his own way contributes greatly to boxing.



Johnny McGowan, Wakefield, English light-heavyweight.

No matter where they are found, these are the fighters who are worthy of notice.

ROGER BEHM

THE urge to become a boxing champion is found all around the globe. In Luxemburg, a small buffer state between France, Germany and Belgium, the post-war years have seen a rise in interest in pugilism.

A twenty-year-old youngster, Roger Behm, who turned professional last year may eventually rate with the top men in his division. He exemplifies the continued growth of boxing even in the smaller countries.

As an amateur Roger fought in practically every arena in Europe. All told, as a simon pure, Behm lost only eleven out of fifty fights, one of these being to the highly touted Jan Sneyers, rated as one of the best of the flyweights in European rings.

Since turning professional Behm has grown into a featherweight and as such has fought, among others, M. Guyot, Bini and McKee. The lad has lost but one pro fight.

His main forte is as a boxer, since he hasn't a devastating punch, and from reports reaching us, the youngster looks like a man with a future.

He is handled by his manager, R. Burner, of France, and his father . . . both ex-fighters themselves.

RICHARD GRUPE

THE athletic world has held itself aloof so far from relations with post-war Germany, but of late several European countries have been talking seriously of renewing associations with Western Germany on various sports fields.

If and when the bars finally are let down, boxing unquestionably will play a major role in international athletic competition in Deutschland. Leather-pushing is tremendously popular there, but it is difficult to judge the calibre of the talent at present because the homebreds have had to do their fighting among themselves, and there has been no chance to compare them with European and American contemporaries.

A contingent of boxers from the United States recently arrived in Germany, and the world should have an opportunity shortly to determine just how good the locals are.

Heavyweights seem to be particularly plentiful in Germany, with Hein ten Hoff, Connie Rux, Richard Grupe, Adolph Kleinholdermann, Heinz Seelisch, Herbert Runge, Hans Dragenstein and Werner Vollmer the best of the many.

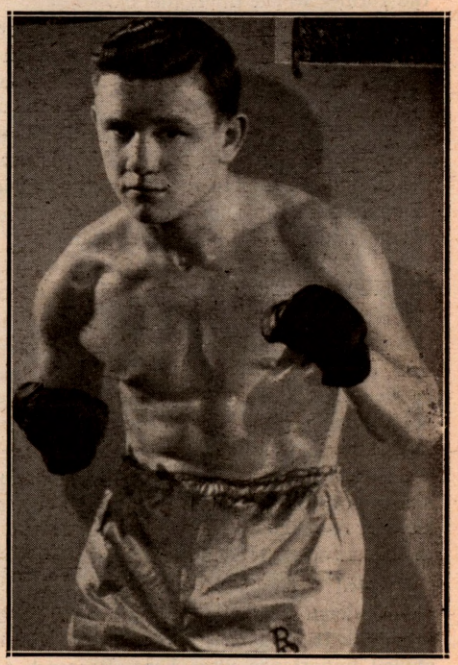
Grupe, one of the leading big fellows, has lost to Ten Hoff, but holds victories over most of the others, and unquestionably he occupies a prominent spot in any plans for international competition in the more or less immediate future. Richard has already had one taste of what the "outside" has to offer—last year he knocked out the visiting Spaniard, Paco Bueno.

AARON JOSHUA

THAT little bundle of fistic energy, Aaron Joshua, ambassador of good will from India's biff industry, was in THE RING office just prior to his trip to Great Britain.

Soft spoken, gentlemanly in demeanor, he became animated and his eyes lit up when we touched on boxing.

"What made me start boxing? As you probably know I was born in Calcutta, India, of Jewish parents, and was sent to school in Rangoon, Burma. While there I started to box a bit. . . . Let me see that must have been about 1933," he added.



Luxemburg has a good-looking featherweight youngster in Roger Behm.

"But my brother, Josh Joshua, was the real incentive for my ring career. It all dated back to the time when Josh built up

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BOXING HISTORIANS

Pierce Egan First to List Battles of Fistic Celebrities—Nat Fleischer's Tomes Acknowledged Greatest in Ring History

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE 1950 RING *Record Book,* ninth of a now famous and imposing series, presents to the public the most thorough and complete history and record of the game available. Starting with the first three editions which were known as the *All-Time* RING *Record Books,* in 1942, 1943 and 1944, the publisher offered the itemized fight-by-fight careers of all the great pugilists of the past in addition to the records of the then current fighters. Those three editions, long out of print, are now valued collector's items.

Through the war years when interest in the professional sport was at a low ebb, the editor continued his series, despite the knowledge that it meant a financial loss. It would have been easier for him to have forgotten the book. But the need for such an annual among the boxing commissions, promoters, matchmakers, newspapermen and magazine writers was there and the 1945 and 1946 editions appeared.

With the end of the war many servicemen who were former fighters returned to the profession and with them came countless newcomers to the ranks in search of fame and money. Interest in the game reached a new high peak. With it came the 700-page 1947 and 1948 volumes, the largest compilations of boxing records attempted up to that time.

By now, one in possession of the seven books had a rather full and complete record of the game going back to Jim Figg's days. However, many hundreds of requests were received from fans who did not have the *All-Time* editions—the first three volumes, and they were thirsting for records of the old fighters, especially the former world titleholders.

Persuaded by the demand, the publisher, with the 1949 edition revamped his entire book. A front section of almost two hundred pages was devoted to the records of the world boxing champions of all-time, a costly undertaking.

The current edition, 1950 vintage, besides having the world titleholders section and the active American and foreign fighters, includes the complete records of the various claimants to world championships through the years in addition to the junior welterweight and junior lightweight champions.

THOUGH the first three volumes were at the time the greatest works ever published on the subject, as we look back on them now, they are crude attempts in comparison to the 1950 volume, comprising 810 pages. In an undertaking of this kind, which carries fourteen times the number of lines of type of an ordinary book, errors are bound to crop up no matter how careful the editing. It must be remembered that there are many discrepancies in the historic data of the sport—for example, in dates and places and even results. In some states if a bout ends between rounds, the kayo is recorded in the round just ended. In others, it goes into the next round. Hence the round differs.

Garbled versions of dates and places of combat have been passed down through the years until it is almost impossible to learn the true facts. In many cases no records of fighters who gained importance were kept. Research and more research was the only answer to the seemingly never-ending task of producing the non-existent "perfect" record book. THE RING *Record Book,* despite some errors, is the most accurate and complete ever published.

Since 1941, research on the records has been done on a full-time scale. Every source available in the largest literary collection of fistiana, one in the possession of Nat Fleischer, RING Editor, has been referred to and checked. The results of this patient labor and diligent research by an able staff of assistants, is best seen in the comparison of many of the world champions' records listed in the first volume and the 1950 edition.

The 1942 book presented them in their most accurate form then known. After almost ten years of research, they are presented in the most accurate and complete form possible.

If any of the readers are lucky enough to own a copy of the first edition, check several of the champions' records against those presented in the 1950 volume. You will soon note the amazing face-lifting that many of them have undergone.

This does not mean that the *All-Time* volumes are outdated and useless. Hundreds of records of great fighters who never held titles are listed among its pages—in many cases the only place where those records can be found.

TRACING the history of books on this subject, we find that the first boxing annual, the basis of all such work done today, and the first compiled record we have of the hundred years of what can loosely be termed the "ancient era" of the sport, was Pierce Egan's *Boxiana,* published in 1818, and continuing through 1829. The five volumes (it originally was scheduled to appear as just two) were technically not what we would consider a record book.

As the title *Boxiana, or Sketches of Ancient and Modern Pugilism,* tells us, it was more a history of the sport with biographies of the leading fighters of the time and detailed accounts of their more outstanding bouts. Be it what it may, the work is invaluable because of the practically non-existent compiled matter on boxing in the period covering the Eighteenth Century.

Viewed from a critical eye, Egan's highly colored volumes bring on the thought that perhaps much of the detail in *Boxiana* is purely the imagination of the author working overtime. The question has often been submitted, by the writer included, to historians of the game as to how it was possible for Egan to have given such vivid and eye-witnessed accounts of the fights of that period which encompassed all of the British Isles. The fault is in the popular line of belief that little if any space was devoted to pugilistic doings and encounters in the newspapers of the time.

ON the contrary, a check of *The Spirit of the Times, Illustrated News of London, Bell's Life in London* and other periodicals of the early 19th Century proves that not only were all the fights of the Butcher, the Collier and the Coalheaver covered, but that they were more fully reported as far as space is concerned, than many of the fights of today. It is not unusual to note three full columns devoted to a gruelling battle which lasted some odd-sounding number of rounds between the Collier and the Coachman. If copy of that length were to be submitted to the sports desk these days on an unimportant fight, it would be blue-pencilled down to two or three paragraphs or less.

So we can have little argument with the full and fine descriptions offered in Egan's *Boxiana.*

Oddly enough, though in many cases the reporter gave descriptions down to the minutest detail of the battle, the place it was fought and the apparel of the contestants, he failed to note the names of the gladiators and the story of the fight was usually run without a by-line. Modesty and the ever-encroaching law prevailed.

FOR a number of years thereafter, others followed with voluminous books on the sport. But for the most part they were repetitions of Egan's early work, merely bringing the history rather haphazardly up to date.

The most famous of these was Henry Downes Miles' *Pugilistica, Being One Hundred and Forty-Four Years of the History of British Boxing,* which appeared in three volumes in 1869

The above shows covers of the leading books over a stretch of half a century. Top row—Little Fistiana, *compiled and edited by F. K. Lanpher, Boston;* Everlast Record Book, *New York, first published by Jack Galomb in 1922;* Australian Boxing Annual, *compiled by Jack Read;* Annuaire du Ring *published by Victor Breyer, Paris;* Ring Records *by Nelse Innes, Boston, first published in 1894. Middle row—Tom Andrews'* World's Annual, *first published in 1902; Nat Fleischer,* RING *Editor, holding his 1950* RING Record Book, *the last thing in boxing compilations;* Sporting Life Boxing Records, *first published in London in 1909. Bottom row*—The Little Boxer, *published by F. K. Lanpher, Boston; Richard K. Fox's* Police Gazette Annual, *first published in this size in 1899, and* The Champion Pocket Sporting Manual *of Boston, compiled by F. K. Lanpher. The first edition was out in 1899.*

and covered the field up to the December 8, 1863, fight in which Tom King defeated John C. Heenan in twenty-four rounds, the last battle for both of these now legendary maulers. A revised edition of *Pugilistica* appeared again in 1893.

The first known record book of the sport to appear in this country was *Fistiana and Boxiana, the Oracle of the Prize Ring.*

Though imposing of title, it was only of vest-pocket size but ideal for use by the sporting gentry, appearing for the first time in 1841 and regularly thereafter until 1869.

The *New York Clipper,* a publication which was started in 1853 and was of great influence on Gotham city life, followed with a yearly supplement in 1874 known as the *New York Clipper Almanac.* Though marked as selling for fifteen cents, it was presented gratis to the purchasers of the newspaper. The almanac continued through 1882 when it was changed to the *New York Clipper Annual* in 1883. The enthusiast of the day was given ample coverage of *Boxing and Sports Records and the Theatrical World.* A day-by-day account of many sports which no longer are popular, was given and the *Clipper's* attempt lasted until 1901, by which time Richard K. Fox's *Police Gazette* and his record books had captured the field. Incidentally, the *Police Gazette of Fox's,* which went out of business in 1932, is a far different publication than that on the market today.

It was in January, 1896, that Richard K. Fox came out with the first of his sporting annuals, a book which bore a marked resemblance to the seven-by-five the *Clipper* had been publishing.

After three issues, and with competition completely cleared, Fox reverted to the old type vest-pocket editions which were highly popular and easy to carry. No one who claimed to be a sport was without a copy and many disputes were settled by it for as it claimed, it gave "Records, Statistics and Best Performances of Pugilism, Athletics, Bicycling, etc."

IN those gay 1880's and 1890's when the public was sports minded to a strangely marked degree, old men and little boys knew by heart and could recite without too much encouragement the ring battles of John L. Sullivan, Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, Jack McAuliffe and other greats.

The sporting fraternity were all made experts by the comparatively large number of vest-pocket boxing and sporting record annuals which were flooding the market. Among them were *Little Fistiana,* in the early 1880's; F. K. Lanpher's *Ring Records,* starting in 1888; Nelse Innes' *Boxing Records,* which began in 1893 and continued for a good many editions, and *The Champions Pocket Book Sports Annual* in 1889. However, all of them died before the turn of the century or not much later, after which, with no opposition, Richard K. Fox's annuals flourished. In The Ring headquarters all these booklets are on exhibit. They tell the history of pugilism.

Tom Andrews, veteran promoter and newspaperman, came out with his record book in 1902. It was a slightly larger size than the vest-pocket editions of earlier years, but by then men's fashions were also changing. Andrews' guides appeared annually until 1937, doubling in size during its best years in the early twenties and reverting to a scanty size when funds were lacking and it was readying to cease publication. Record books never did pay, as The Ring Editor well knows. He has taken it on the chin quite often.

No Andrews' edition came out in 1938 and the last appeared in 1939, harder of cover and with modernized type, but lacking much of the wealth of material earlier editions had contained.

However, Andrews' best contributions, his two top attempts, were published in 1914 and 1923 when he came out with regular sized books entitled, *Ring Battles of the Centuries.* These contained not only the records of active fighters but many of the old-timers. It was by far the best efforts on the subject to that time.

THE year 1922 saw the start of a new series of books which lasted a good number of years—the *Everlast Boxing Record,* edited by Kiddy Romano. As Andrews' editions started to decline in popularity, Everlast practically had the field to itself. In the end, due to financial difficulties, it was to die before even Andrews' last attempt. The final *Everlast Boxing Record* was published in 1937 and had no connection with the original owners. Eddie Borden was given permission to use the name. He lost $12,000 on the venture and quit after one edition.

Several foreign boxing annuals have gained fame and continued in the field for a good number of years. Following on the heels of Andrews' initial attempt was the first modern British record book of note which appeared in 1909. While it was not an annual affair—the next edition appeared in 1914 and then again in 1922—it was a worthy little book giving the records of past and current stars of the British prize ring and only touching on outsiders if they were world champions. Other British record books followed but none covered the field as thoroughly as the American books.

The most famous of the French record books is the *Annuaire du Ring,* which began publishing in 1931 and continued yearly until the war when it was forced to discontinue. It has now made its reappearance.

Australian record books of real value failed to materialize until one of their former lightweight champions, Jack Read, started his series in 1926. However, many of the records of the early Australian fighters had been known in this country and in the British Isles because of the large number of fighters who had journeyed from Down Under in quest of world titles at the turn of the last century.

Read's books were highly valuable in filling in the history of the game in Australia and appeared each year until the war. They are being revived again.

WITH the cessation of the Andrews and Everlast books, *The Post Record Book* and the *Boxing News Record Book* appeared for a short time but they also had a short life. This country was left without a solid and substantial boxing record book when all of the above went out of business.

In 1941, Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of The Ring Magazine, noting the wealth of material he had accumulated during his 40 years' connection with the sport, and urged on by writers, promoters and fans, launched the final work in the compiling of a giant volume of boxing records. This appeared in 1942 and was the first record book to take in not only a locality or a country but world-wide coverage with complete records of outstanding fighters of all divisions the world over. It was tops in the field and has been that since.

Though it was the largest sized volume ever published on boxing records and carried the bout-by-bout history of many fighters who never had appeared in a record book—it carried approximately 550 pages and the records of some 1,300 fighters—space limitations necessitated many important records being left out. Hence the 1943 and 1944 *All-Time* Volumes as additions. The three combined give almost every record of world boxers over a stretch of 200 years.

So far as current records go, The Ring's annual presents the complete record of all professional fighters who had five or more bouts during the preceding year, whether they were outstanding or four-round preliminary boys. This was never done before. The Ring started the practice.

PERHAPS the main fault with a number of the record books of yesteryear was that they were strictly partial, to say the least. If one paid, his record got in. In short, the publishers sold space at so much per record. It worked as sort of an advertisement.

A regular practice was to leave some of the fighter's losing efforts out of his record. After all, his manager figured, he paid for it and had printed only what he wanted. This happened often.

Besides the payment, the "advertiser" usually was obliged to buy a certain quantity of books, especially if a story on him appeared between its covers or his picture happened to spring at you from the frontispiece. It was strictly business, the publisher getting a decidedly fair return for his efforts.

That's how it was done before Nat Fleischer set an example of straightforward publication.

The Ring Record Book does not, and never did, solicit ads or funds from any manager or fighter for the inclusion of a record or photograph. It is totally unbiased and its pages are open to all professional boxers.

That in a nutshell is the story of the success of The Ring's Record Books and Magazine. Fair Play and an Honest Effort to present the most accurate records and stories as is possible.

In a book of this tremendous size, a small fraction of errors is bound to crop up, unintentional and aimed at no particular fighter, and when these errors are located, corrections immediately follow.

What the editor tries to do is to keep such rare happenings down to a minimum, and after scanning the 1950 edition, he modestly admits that it was a job well done.

CONTRARY to popular belief, Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis did meet several common opponents. However, Dempsey faced the four—Jack Roper, Charley Retzlaff, Buck Everett and King Levinsky as part of his nation-wide exhibition tour during 1931-1932. Louis, who started his professional career in 1934, met them later in regularly scheduled bouts, Jack Roper being one of his heavyweight title opponents.

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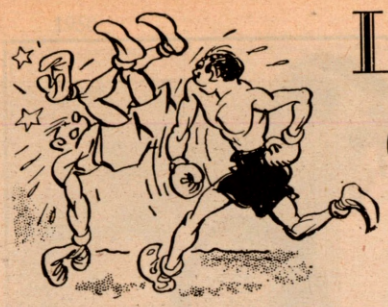

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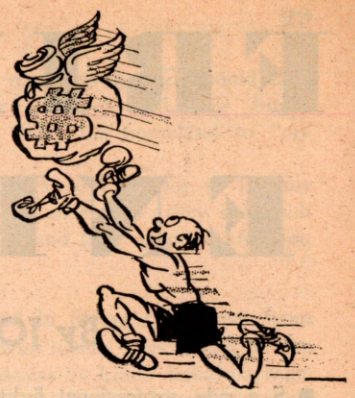


ABOUT a year and a half ago Laverne Roach brought Choc Hutcheson and myself into your office to meet you while we were on vacation with him in New York. We spent quite a time with you talking over all phases of boxing, but mainly it centered on Laverne's career. It is on that subject that I'd like to talk now.

I have just finished reading an article in *Life* Magazine about his untimely death. It was certainly obvious that the article was written solely to create public distaste against boxing and all it stands for. Knowing Laverne as I did, and then realizing how something like that would hurt him were he living today—well, it was just hard to take.

Laverne had a lot of faith in you, Nat. Like so many of us he considered you without equal as an authority on the boxing game. I have the first boxing books he ever received, and those were a present from you after the A.A.U. tournament in Albuquerque in 1941. He followed your advice whenever possible and I'm sure that, given time, he would have lived up to your expectations.

I don't know of a person who was a better booster for boxing. Unlike others of his profession, he left a trail of accomplishments as he went—a friendly word here, a slap on the back, or a word of encouragement. He was just a natural born leader. It's too bad that in his short span of life he couldn't have realized his utmost ambition—the winning of a world's championship. What a champion he would have made, and what a tremendous boost he could have given boxing!

What I hate so much is that people—that is, the general public who didn't know him as well as you and I—will always remember him as he was in defeat and not as a victorious competitor. He'll always be cited as a "black eye" in boxing, which is just the opposite of what he would have wanted.

The Boy's Club in Lubbock, Tex., is erecting a bronze plaque with one of his sayings, which I believe typifies him as much as any other one thing. It's going to be placed in the entrance to the club and it contains these words: "'Always do what you think your Mother would want you to do and you'll never go wrong.'—Laverne Roach." That, to me, sums up the kind of fellow he really was.

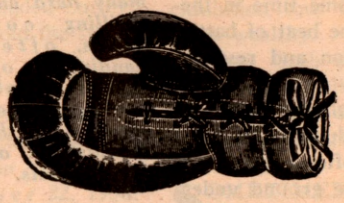
Nat, I know that you and your staff never publicize a ring tragedy any more than you have to, whereas other publications tend to do all they can to place a bad name on boxing. I am thankful for your stand, but I do wish that in this case you could alter the usual procedure just a little.

I'd like to see a portion of your column devoted to exploiting the *good* things of Laverne's career and give him a boost as he deserves, instead of the knocks he is getting. You probably knew him better than any other writer. You could picture him as he really was and it wouldn't have the scandal, the glaring headlines nor the slanderous approach of other editorials. I'm asking this, Nat, not for myself, but rather for boxing itself, for I know that's the way Laverne would have wanted it.

Let me hear from you.

O. R. STARK, JR.
Quitaque, Texas.

[*Thanks for your confidence in me and* THE RING. *I've already had an editorial on Roach, a fine boy, a credit to the youth of the world and to boxing, in particular.—Editor's Note.*]



I AM, by birth and by choice, a Texan, and a boxing fan. Therefore, I was greatly shocked to learn of the death of Laverne Roach. Although I had never seen him box, I had learned to love Laverne, as had every other true Texan, whether a boxing fan or not. Being a part-time sports writer, a full-time fan, and an amateur boxer until I received a crippling injury in football, I began to think of what measures we should take to curb boxing injuries.

Headguards, mattress-like gloves, high age limits and other such proposals to humanize the game will never solve the problem. Only a handful of true boxing fans enjoy the sport for the skill involved. The masses like it because it offers blood, brutality and the ever-present chance of injury.

BILLY LAMBERT,
Texas.

I WOULD like to comment on your recent editorials regarding Louis and Dempsey. It seems more and more every day that Dempsey becomes greater and Louis smaller with each issue of your RING Magazine. I have seen many of Louis' fights and following the ex-champ's activities closely, I say—let's give credit where it's due. For instance, following the rise of Louis right after the Golden Gloves a number of years back, I recall that great comment arose regarding Louis' fantastic left jab, his terrific speed and accuracy, which was so great that many editorials were put out, each venturing to try to discover the source of this power and speed Joe possessed. But then we could write on indefinitely about those forgotten days.

Before I go on, I am not a Negro, and definitely not prejudiced. From the motion pictures of Dempsey's fights, I think he fought big, clumsy men who knew nothing of fighting in a sense of how we rate fighters' abilities today. Jack was always wide open for a left jab, and Louis was known to be able to fell a man with one of his rights! I think he would have closed Dempsey's eyes completely and with his great speed and power would have hammered him at will and knocked Jack out early in the fight.

I think that you once wrote an article in which you stated that Louis was the greatest counter-puncher of all time and fought best against a slugger. Here's something else you observers don't seem to take cognizance of—when Louis was knocked down it was only because his sense of greatness made him underrate his opponent until he was awakened to the fact that his rival wasn't the type of easy fighter Joe's mind had pictured. It was then that Louis set about to make a quick finish of his man and invariably he did. He would have murdered Dempsey.

JAMES F. DATRI,
Ravena, N. Y.

I HAVE just reread your March issue of THE RING Magazine and noted your reply to Gene Tunney's recent article in *Collier's*. For once, Nat, I think Tunney beat you to the punch.

I have been a steady reader of THE RING Magazine for some years now and have always thought it a first rate publication, except for the constant belittling of the modern fighter in comparison to the fighters of 40 and 50 years ago. The old-timers are, as you say of Tunney, giving themselves none the worst of it.

But think this over, Nat. From a few thousand fighters practicing their trade in the Anglo-Saxon nations, boxing has grown into a world sport with some 50,000 professional fighters, and as many more amateurs, the cream of whom graduate to the professional ranks. It sounds logical to me that as a rule you would find more good fighters in 50,000 men than in, say, 5,000.

Doesn't it ever strike you as odd that in sports such as the shot put, the mile run and any other where definite records can be kept, performances have steadily improved, but in sports such as boxing and baseball, where the memory of man is our main comparison between the old and the new, performances have steadily deteriorated?

CHARLES STAIB,
Anderson, Mo.

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FRIENDLY ENEMIES

By JOHN VALENTINE

AS a rule, professional fighters consider their opponents impersonal factors in their lives and careers. They regard opponents much the same as a builder regards a string of houses he has to build or a postal clerk looks upon the interminable mail he has to postmark and sort. They are temporary obstacles which must be successfully overcome in the merely proper discharge of one's duties and they are soon forgotten once completed.

However, it is not always so in boxing. While it is not remarkable that pugs, particularly the more prominent ones, never forget the savage fights every ringman encounters at some time in the pursuit of his trade, it is noteworthy that once the heat of battle has faded, fast friendships, founded on admiration and respect, are born between the contestants.

Few men have achieved greater personal popularity than the incomparable Benny Leonard. While one of the dubious rewards of greatness is the envy and even hate which is often engendered in the hearts of those less fortunate who must be ground under in the rise to the top, it is significant that Leonard's life was barren of such enmity.

Indeed, not only did almost all of Benny's opponents consider him the greatest fighter they ever met, a vindication of Leonard's claim to immortality, but even though they were defeated, his victims remained warm friends with the Ghetto Idol.

Joe Shugrue, the hard-hitting New Jersey slugger who stopped Leonard late in his first year as a pro, took the trouble to go over to the youngster's corner after the bout and tell Benny, crying over the knockout he had suffered:

"Kid, you've got it. Don't let that knockout bother you. Other fighters have been kayoed and have come back. You'll do it, too." History tells us that Shugrue's prediction came true.

Leonard never forgot that kind gesture and he and Shugrue remained close friends throughout Benny's life.

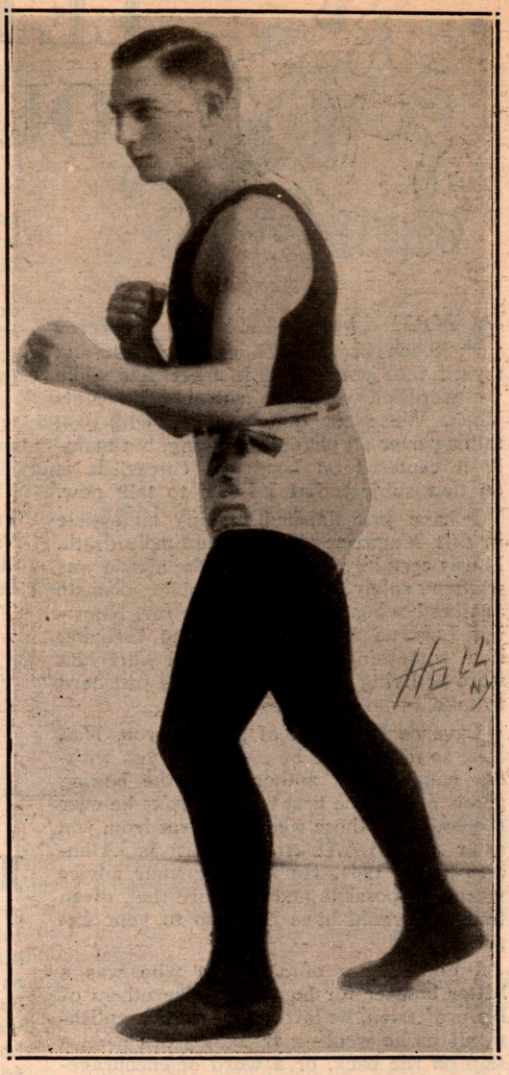
JOHNNY DUNDEE, whom Leonard fought in eight hectic no-decision bouts, or as Benny was wont to phrase it, "We fought so often I learned to speak Italian," was another great admirer and dear pal of Leonard's. So were Lew Tendler, who is considered by experts the greatest southpaw of recent years, and Benny's fellow New Yorker, Soldier Bartfield. The three were at Leonard's funeral along with a host of notables from every walk of life. They were keen rivals in the ring, but pals once their fistic mills were over.

On September 27, 1946, Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano put on a brawl in the Yankee Stadium that had the spectators shaking their heads at the ferocity of the mill. The fans wondered what was holding both men up. Their second fight in Chicago, though somewhat tamer, was another blood-and-thunder spectacle.

Just before they clashed for the third and concluding time in Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J., these stalwart ringmen appeared before the press. After speaking with the quiet, gentlemanly Tony, Rocky told sports scribes with a rueful shake of his head:

"Gee, he's a nice guy. I kind of hate to hit him. Y'know what I mean?"

This was the last thing the scribes expected to hear from Rocky, a fighter possessing the killer instinct to a high degree. Rocky might have saved his feelings, judging by what happened that night when Tony disposed of him in three rounds with workmanlike precision. But should their paths cross again, they will exhibit friendship for each other, despite the shellacking Rocky took.



Benny Leonard, who fought many hard and thrilling contests, often handing his opponents shellackings, yet never lost the friendship of his rivals.

PERHAPS the classical story of such friendship is the one concerning Tommy Ryan and Tommy West.

Ryan, considered one of the greatest all-around fighters the game has produced, was greatly provoked by the aspersions cast on his fistic ability by West after their first meeting at the Lenox A. C. in New York.

West was a punishing hitter, but Ryan, after suffering a knockdown that almost put him away, cut West to pieces and finally knocked him out in the 14th round. West, however, was angered by Ryan's cleverness and accused the upstate New Yorker of being a runner and of being unable to stand up to him in a straight fight, without using science.

When Ryan heard of West's remarks he reacted characteristically and sought a return match, vowing that he would fight West with West's own style.

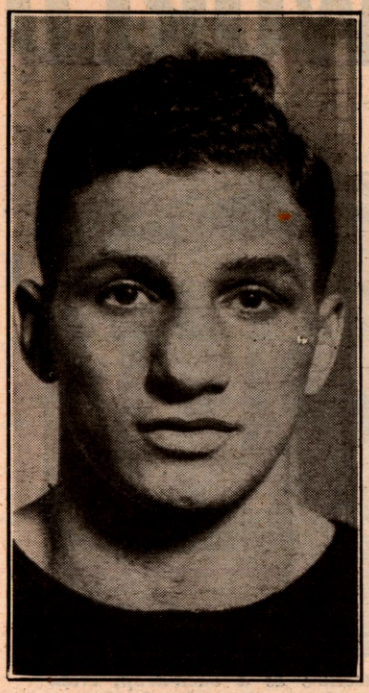
They clashed again in Louisville, Ky., and Ryan was true to his word. It was a combination back-alley melee and ram-butting contest. They stood toe-to-toe, round after round, in a hail of leather. In the fourth, West butted out three of Ryan's teeth. Ryan replied by butting West right back and out flew two of West's choppers.

As the bout progressed, all of West's teeth were loosened and the fight became so gory and rough that even the case-hardened fans of that day asked for it to be stopped. Referee Tim Hurst refused to do so unless one of the fighters asked him to. Ryan flattened West in the 17th frame.

You've often read about the aftermath of that fight, but it can stand repeating.

After the mill, Ryan and Jack Curley, the promoter, boarded one of the special trains that had been put into service for the fight and promptly went to bed. Ryan looked a mess and he wasted no time falling asleep.

He was awakened by a commotion in the aisle. Tommy West,



Philadelphia's star lightweight, who despite the trick Leonard played on him, which probably cost Lew the title, remained Benny's pal to the end.

his recent opponent, was having a to-do with a man whose berth West had appropriated without having any right to do so.

Ryan peeped out and said, "That you, West? This is Tommy Ryan. Come in here, old pal. I'll make room for you. You can take half of my berth."

"Thanks, pal," West replied, and got in with Ryan.

Thus, on their homeward journey, the two battlers, who had been trying to assassinate each other a few hours previously, slept together like twins.

"And when they had their breakfast, they were as thick as Damon and Pythias," concluded Curley, whenever he told the story.

AFTER the first time Tommy Loughran and Ray Impellettiere met at the Coliseum in New York, on November 22, 1933, which Tommy won after he had been declared officially the loser by the third man in the ring, one would never suspect that Tommy and Ray would become inseparable pals. But so they are.

In that Coliseum contest, Ray caught the crafty Loughran with a right uppercut in the sixth round and split Tommy's mouth open so severely that Referee Pete Hartley halted the bout and awarded it to Impellettiere at 2:10 of the frame.

The usually cool Loughran became furious and rushed past Hartley, trying to get at Impellettiere, who remained placid. Ray's manager sat him down in his corner and hovered over him protectively while the ring filled with seconds and police.

Tommy began jumping up and down to show that he was fresh and unhurt, and alternated that with attempts to get at Impellettiere, who still remained unperturbed but somewhat puzzled by the furore. Tommy's face was a mask of blood as the claret dribbled down his body.

General Phelan took over and ordered the bout to continue. The men ineffectively sparred the remaining seconds of the round, and during the rest period, Loughran was patched up neatly and he went on to toss a boxing lesson into Ray.

When they fought again in Philadelphia in 1935, Loughran again ran into a near-haymaker and was decked for a nine-count in the fourth round, but he got up to outpoint Impellettiere. They had a third bout in Oakland, Calif., with Tommy winning again.

Now Impellettiere is the owner of an extremely successful automobile agency and Tommy is a sugar broker, and they are roommates at the New York A. C. They have a great many interests in common and are inseparable pals.

ON December 30, 1949, Carmine Vingo, a young New York heavyweight, suffered serious injuries at the hands of Rocky Marciano, the Brockton, Mass., battler, who knocked Carmine out in Madison Square Garden in the sixth round.

It was the kind of punishing slam-bang battle which, with its grim aftermath, was hardly conducive to the formation of a friendship. However, when Vingo recovered and left the hospital several weeks later, one of the first things he did upon getting settled was to send Rocky an invitation to his wedding, which had been postponed because of the unfortunate ending of their bout. Later, when Rocky fought Roland LaStarza, Vingo sent a message to Marciano wishing him success.

It is almost inconceivable that a more savage fight could take place than the one between Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo. Yet, Luis has sent boxers from his homeland to "my friend, Jack Dempsey."

Joe Louis battered Jimmy Braddock to the floor to become heavyweight champion, but when they meet now, they call each other "champ" with a quiet sincerity and have genuine affection for each other.

BILLY CONN almost succeeded in lifting the crown from Joe's head back in 1941, but was turned back when, in the 13th round, he was levelled to the canvas by Louis' lethal barrage. The defeat was heartbreaking and might have embittered another fighter. Instead, Conn and Joe became extremely friendly. "My pal, Joe," is what Conn calls Louis, and Joe refers to the Pittsburgher as Billy. Enmity? Not between them, despite Louis' close call in the first fight and the kayo of Conn in the second.

It was rumored recently that Pittsburgh Billy offered the Brown Bomber a couple of oil wells cheap, as a gesture of friendship, which the ex-title holder refused. The wells, it is said, were the real McCoy, and had Joe bought them, he would have added some folding money to the cash he is making on his current exhibition tour because they are producing oil that has made Conn wealthy.

Harry Greb and Mickey Walker hooked up in a turbulent scrap back in 1925. After slugging each other mercilessly for 15 rounds, they did the town arm-in-arm, like a couple of visiting firemen on a spree.

SOMETIMES fighters neither have the opportunity nor is it characteristic of them to express their feelings publicly concerning an old foe. But that certain fights remain indelibly imprinted on their minds is undeniable. Hype Igoe, a great boxing scribe, used to tell a story that was proof of this.

"On May 21, 1891," Hype's tale went, "Jim Corbett clashed with Peter Jackson at San Francisco. It was a savage affair, coupled with skill, by two of the cleverest boxers of the day, and at the end of 61 rounds, with neither man showing any great advantage, the referee stopped the bout and declared it a draw.

"Old-timers argued about the probable outcome or who was in the lead for many years afterward, but no popular conclusion was ever reached.

"Ten years later, on July 13, 1901, the once great Peter Jackson lay dying in far-off Roma, Queensland, Australia. His last bits of conversation, from what I've learned, were not about boxing. But suddenly for no apparent reason, he turned to the people at his bedside and murmured: 'You know, that Corbett, he was one great fighter!'

"Jim was a neighbor of mine at Bayside, Long Island. One day shortly before his death, Jim and I were talking about nothing in particular when he stared kind of dreamily toward the ceiling. Jim turned to me and said: 'Y'know, Hype, that Peter Jackson, he was one great fighter!'

"When Jim died," Hype Igoe concluded, "I spent many a moment thinking of the great respect these immortal warriors had for each other. Here was Jackson, thousands of miles away in Australia, paying tribute to a great opponent with what amounted to his last words, and 32 years later, on the other side of the world, in Bayside, Jim Corbett, breathing his last, tells me that Peter Jackson was the greatest fighter he ever opposed."

The principal figures in the most recent affair in which friendly enemies participated were Irving Cohen, his fighter, Rocky Graziano, Frankie Jay and his fistic product, Tony Janiro. The entire encourage—one happy family.

Then Graziano and Janiro met in the Madison Square Garden ring. Both Tony and the Rock threw away the rule book and went through a ten-round Donnybrook that saw Janiro use a variety of thumb shots which slightly impaired the vision of Graziano, while the Rock on his part retaliated with an exhibition of heeling that was near perfect.

When the decision was announced as a draw, Tony and Rocky met in the middle of the ring, lifted up their hands and embraced while sharing a kiss of brotherly love.

NEWS of the MAT WORLD

By STANLEY WESTON

AUSTRALIAN tag team matches, which are banned in New York State, are the best drawing cards throughout the country. Empire State fans continue to write this department in an attempt to have the State Athletic Commission permit such exhibitions on their home grounds. The public wants it and as long as the State considers wrestling an exhibition and not a contest, we can't see any possible objection. . . .

A team match with Gene Stanlee and Antonino Rocca in one corner against any pair of opponents would mean a sure fire sellout for Madison Square Garden. . . .

Mike and Ben Sharpe, the husky Canadian matmen, have developed into the top favorites in California. Maurice LaChapelle is also working along the shores of the blue Pacific. . . .

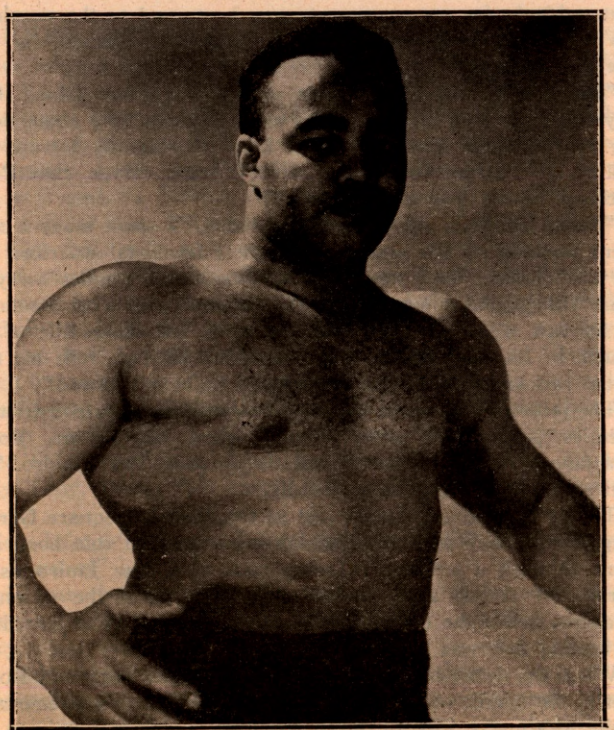
Maxie Rosenbloom has been signed for a fat part in the movie "Mr. Universe." The picture will be about the wrestling business and will be filmed in a New York mat club. . . . A nation-wide contest is under way to select Mr. Universe. . . . Our vote for the role would go to Steve Reeves, the most handsome and best built youngster we have ever seen. . . .

Max Marek, 1933 International Golden Gloves boxing champion, is becoming quite a wrestling attraction in his native Chicago. Max now sports a moustache and is seconded by two beautiful blond models. Marek will always be remembered as the man who won a decision over Joe Louis when both were in the amateur ranks. . . .

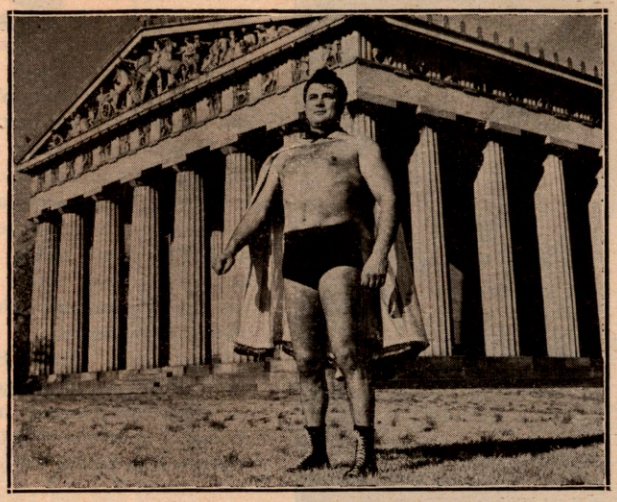
Leonard Sachs is now acting as manager of Jack Dempsey in the latter's outings as a mat referee. . . . Fred Kohler is now making the matches for the new $5,000,000 arena in Milwaukee. . . .

Don Eagle and Cyclone Anaya are always sure to sell out any arena when they meet. This pair, in the Midwest, equal the drawing power of Rocca vs. Stanlee in New York. . . .

THE likable Nick Kapitanopolis paid your reporter a visit and informed us that he is back in action in the Eastern part of the country. Nick, a very colorful character, is one of the better Greek wrestlers in competition today. While in New York he will be booked by the Rudy Dusek office. . . .



Buddy Jackson, Columbus, Ohio, top grappler.



With classic Greek architecture as a back-drop, Nick Kapitanopolis flexes his muscles to show that he is prepared to meet any challenger.

Promoter Bill Johnston goes back into Madison Square Garden with Antonino Rocca and Lord Carlton heading an all-star card. . . . This will be the first appearance of the pair in the huge arena. . . . Johnston is planning a Jim Londos-Antonino Rocca contest in Yankee Stadium this coming June. . . .

Little Abie Coleman, New York veteran wrestler, has become the new darling of TV viewers. . . . A Chicago newspaper poll has named former wrestling champion Bronko Nagurski the greatest college football player in the history of the sport and the best professional gridiron star in the last fifty years. When these honors are added to his amazing record on the mat, Nagurski is easily one of America's all-time athletic greats. . . .

Wrestling referees take more insults from the public and grapplers than any other sporting official. In my time as a wrestling reporter, I've seen as many referees carried out of the ring as I have wrestlers. . . .

Bibber McCoy, the old Holy Cross footballer, is a big hit in the South, where veteran Paul Jones handles the promotional chores. Jones, a star of a few years ago, has put wrestling over with a bang below the Mason-Dixon Line. . . .

"PROFESSIONAL wrestling to many people is nothing more than a one-act play presented by two or more overstuffed Thespians within the confines of a roped-off stage," says the Associated Press.

But be that as it may, those two- and three-hundred-pound grapplers play their roles well and are the "best sports in sports," according to James C. Hendy, general manager of the Cleveland Arena.

He explained that wrestlers work on a percentage basis, with the top men receiving a higher percentage and the average wrestlers getting a smaller cut, but whether they get $10 or $1,000 after a match, they always are satisfied.

"An average wrestler will make more in a year's time than an average boxer nowadays," Hendy told the A.P., "and in addition a wrestler will still be grunting and groaning in a ring 10 or 15 years after a boxer retires.

"Take Jim Londos (the Greek who still claims the world's mat title), for instance. He's past 50 now and still wrestling. Many fellows stay in the game for 25 or 30 years.

"Most of the sport's promoters at the present time are former wrestlers," says Hendy, "and more than half of the present day wrestlers are college graduates—mostly men who went to college to be football players."

As examples he cites Jumpin' Joe Savoldi of Notre Dame, Bronko Nagurski of Minnesota, Frank Sexton and Hardy Kraukramp of Ohio State, and George Babich of Fordham.

On a yearly basis, wrestling attracts more people than boxing, according to figures produced by Hendy.

"No matter how many people frown on wrestling as 'a put-up job,' there will still be thousands of rabid fans who sit by the ringside," declares the Cleveland promoter.

LEROY McGUIRK, one of our top-notch grunters, may seek the democratic nomination for sheriff of Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

The popular former Oklahoma A & M College athlete is recovering from an eye injury suffered when he was tossed against his automobile windshield in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 7th.

McGuirk has confirmed political talk that he is being urged to run for public office. He is a former patrolman and detective on the Tulsa police force.

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In order that our readers might better understand the situation in present day wrestling, here is a very partial listing of some of the so-called "CHAMPIONS":

1—Danny McShain, Texas Heavyweight Champion
2—Miguel Guzman and Rito Romero, Texas Tag Team Champions
3—Lou Thez, National Wrestling Association and National Wrestling Alliance Heavyweight Champion
4—Frank Sexton, American Wrestling Association Champion
5—Ray Eckert, Pacific Coast Champion
6—Ramona Rundquist, Minnesota State Champion
7—Mildred Burke, Woman Champion

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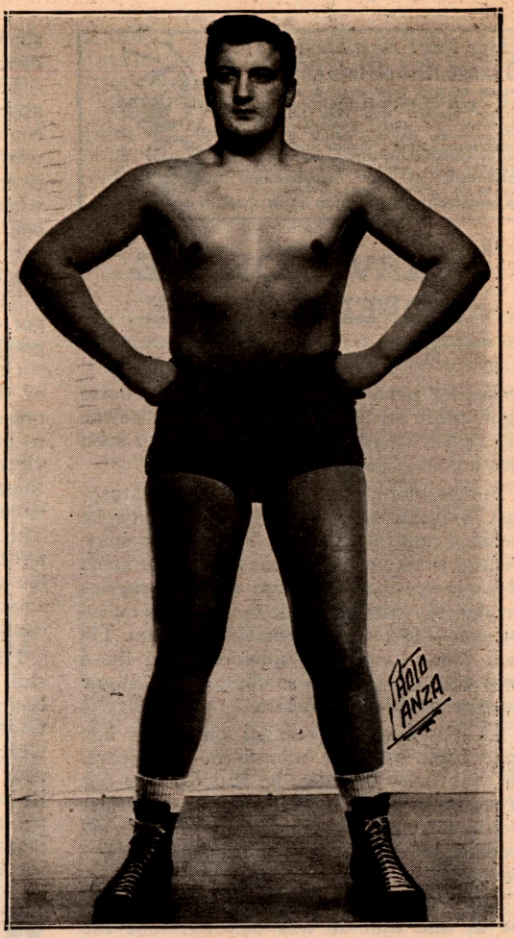
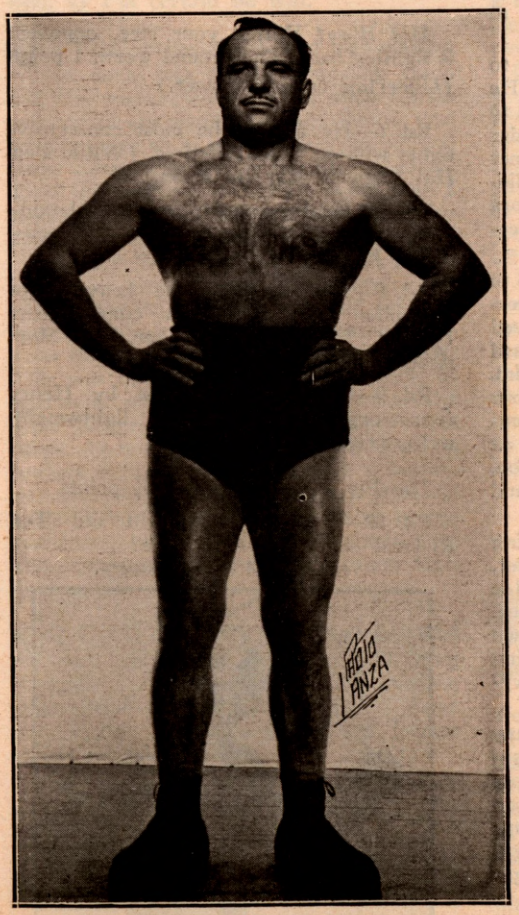
Hollywood informs us that Marlene Dietrich will play the role of a lady wrestler in a forthcoming motion picture. . . . Our good friend William Wilson of Kansas City, Missouri, rates as one of the best informed reporters in the business. . . .



Jean Langlois, 18-year-old Canadian wrestler, who has a bright future.

Joe Devalteau of Montreal is one tough hombre. Besides bouncing opponents' heads off the mat when in the ring, he is credited with the shooting of a couple of hold-up men in the Canadian city. You see, Joe is policeman during the day and a wrestler at night. . . .



Joe Devalteau, a wrestler by day and a policeman by night.

Jean Langlois is another matman from above the border who is also a member of the Montreal law enforcement department. Jean is far less experienced than Joe Devalteau, but experts predict a bright future for this 18-year-old youngster. Jean weighs in at 228 pounds and stands 6 feet 1 inch tall.

Buddy Jackson, native Columbus, Ohio, star, is set for an Eastern invasion. Buddy is a claimant of the Negro Junior Heavyweight Title. He proved a popular attraction for promoter Morris Siegel down Texas way and also worked with fine success in Portland, Oregon. . . .

E. Davenport of Los Angeles, Calif., has written a book on the life of Gus Pappas, great middleweight wrestler of the early twenties.

Chief War Cloud, latest of the popular American Indian mat stars, is a protege of the greatest Indian athlete of all time, Jim Thorpe. War Cloud weighs 227 pounds and stands 6 feet, four inches tall. Like Thorpe, he is an all-round sports competitor and has hung up records in swimming, football, track and marathon running. At one time he was credited with swimming over 16 miles.

The Chief is of the Mohawk tribe and at the present time makes his home in California. His favorite hold is the Indian Deathlock, which was brought into the spotlight by Chief Little Wolf over 15 years ago. If War Cloud is as adept with that spectacular hold as Little Wolf was, he is sure to be a hit with the public. It always thrilled your reporter to watch the Wolf come up with his specialty from almost unbelievable positions.

Frank "Poodles" Hewitt, the bad boy from Canada, a big drawing card in the New York area. . . . Frank was given the nickname "Poodles" because of the way his long hair covers his eyes as soon as the match gets under way.

Richard Dusek, youngest member of the famous wrestling clan, was shipped home by boss Rudy. "He needs more experience before coming up to the big time," said Rudy.

Tiger Joe Marsh is now working on the East Coast. Did any of you get a look at that robe Marsh wears into the ring? It has a tiger head on each shoulder.

Yvon Robert, one of the greatest wrestlers in the world, was given a preliminary spot on Bill Johnston's Garden show. Robert is by far the top man in Canada, where wrestling rates close to ice hockey as the number one sport.

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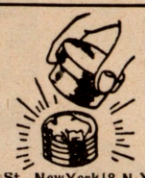

MARVEL OF THE ROPED SQUARE

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pound for pound. The Costner and Belloise fights were striking examples of the power the stylish slugger can generate when such blasting is called for.

Furthermore, for a fighter who features fast movement, Sugar Ray seems to be wearing unusually well. There was some wishful thinking that he may have lost some of his lustre two years ago when he razzle-dazzled his way through ten not-too-exciting-non-title rounds with Kid Gavilan. He took care of any such opinions along those lines with that snappy snuffing out of Sugar Costner on March 22, last.

As wisecrackers pointed out, Ray has gone back just one minute in five years. On February 14, 1945, he had Costner out of there in a little over one minute; last month it took him all of two minutes, 49 seconds to erase the much-improved Cincinnatian.

Ray's durability is surprising to many, for at one time it was believed that the blandishments of the bright spots held more allure for the Sugar Baby than the rigors of the ring. Although the owner of one such hot spot himself, Ray concerns himself much more with the cash register than with the revelry. He is a strict teetotaller, and that always helps.

IT is becoming more and more evident that the class limit of 147 pounds is no longer his best fighting weight, yet he is still so potent at this poundage that potential challengers invariably have other engagements when a title match with Ray Robinson is suggested. At 154 pounds or thereabouts—his weight for the Costner bout—he loses none of his speed while picking up added TNT with the extra poundage.

With an opponent given any kind of a look-in at all by the public, Robinson packs in the customers. In the recent Costner affair, a downpour failed to drench the enthusiasm of 11,592 Philadelphians, who put $53,752 in the till for a non-title fight. There were as many out-of-towners as Philadelphia natives among the crowd who coughed up a whopping $175,754 for the Gavilan title shot last July 11, and good old Steve Belloise drew down the biggest purse of his career when the gate for the New York Robinson-Belloise battle soared to $120,860.

It should be noted that Ray inspired these turnouts, although an odds-on favorite every time.

UNLIKE some other mechanically able boxers, there is nothing drab or uninteresting about his ring technique. Louis, Johnson, Gans, and most of the other great Negro fighters fought with a flat-footed shuffle. Sugar is up on his toes like a ballet dancer.

His lithe, graceful movements can be appreciated by the uninitiated as well as the connoisseurs of fist fighting. In his title-winning battle with Tommy Bell, Robinson took one of his rare trips to the canvas when the hard clouting Bell landed a good one. Sugar went down with a grace that led fight manager Jimmy DeAngelo to crack:

"That's the only guy I ever saw who's got class even on the floor. He even looks good getting knocked down."

Coming out of a rugged neighborhood of the type the social workers call "Depressed," and with a background subject to all the dangers contingent to such environment, no claim is made here that Sugar's career outside the ring has been exemplary or that he hasn't made mistakes. The consideration presented here concerns fighting ability pure and simple and when his gifts in this direction are detailed, his ranking as the greatest boxer of them all can't be belittled.

His purely mechanical assets of unusual skill and power being obvious, they have been dealt with superlatively for years. Other and less readily recognized qualities which add up to making Ray Robinson a near perfect fighting machine are the ability to take a punch unusually well for such a frail appearing fellow, and an ability to maintain full possession of a shrewd fighting brain when he is tagged.

RAY seems immune to panic if the going gets rough. He can whale away and rip and tear like a little Dempsey at times, for all of his skill.

The record book adds more weight to the say-so of Sugar Ray's acclaimers. He has been beaten only once. That loss was to middleweight Jake LaMotta, present holder of the title, whom he defeated four times out of five. A couple of draws with middleweights Henry Brimm and Jose Basora are the only other blemishes on an otherwise perfect record.

Possibly the greatest tribute of all to this incredible pugilist comes in the suggestion frequently made and seriously received that Ray Robinson challenge Ezzard Charles or light-heavy king Joey Maxim. This proposal has been advanced by none other than New York State Boxing Commission boss Eddie Eagan, who, gazing at the welter king with wondering admiration, advised him to build up to 160 pounds and go after the heavyweight title.

The good Colonel was probably thinking of the original Joe Walcott, a 142-pounder, who beat the great light-heavyweight, Joe Choynski, when he came up with that one. Conservative Gene Tunney has been known to express similar sentiments regarding Robinson's chances against light-heavyweights and heavyweights.

Most folks are inclined to laugh off any attempt to rate any one fighter as the superior of all others past and present. Those who reserve this spot for Ray Robinson counter by defying the questioners to come up with anybody with as strong an argument as they can put up for the Sugar Baby.

Try comparing your own candidate some time with Robinson and you will find that Sugar Ray is hard to top.

The RING TEST

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Rd. 1—Rinty Monaghan is the world flyweight champion.

Rd. 2—Joe Louis was never knocked out.

Rd. 3—Ray Robinson has defeated Jake LaMotta every time they have fought.

Rd. 4—Gene Tunney was known as the Manassa Mauler.

Rd. 5—Bruce Woodcock is the heavyweight champion of the British Empire.

Mid Way! Watch your step, opponent is fighting back. Each round worth 1 point. (Underline correct answer.)

Rd. 6—He fought the most consecutive fights without a loss, lifetime. (Willie Pep, Hal Bagwell, Ray Robinson.)

Rd. 7—He drew up the first set of boxing rules. (Jack Broughton, Marquis of Queensberry, James J. Walker.)

Rd. 8—This bare-knuckle heavyweight champion later became a congressman. (John C. Heenan, Jem Belcher, John Morrissey.)

Rd. 9—The first title won by Henry Armstrong. (Featherweight, lightweight, welterweight.)

The Big Round! Worth 3½ points.

Rd. 10—What famous fight did Tex Rickard promote and referee?

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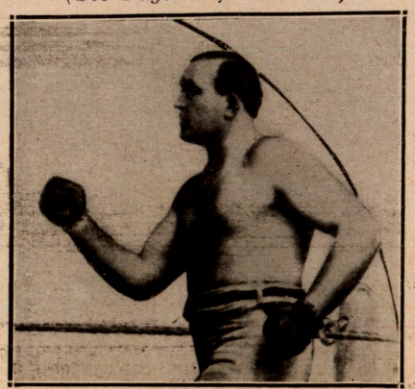

Here's your hint for round ten.

IT MADE A WONDERFUL STORY

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cinch Jim will have it on Max in that department. Now if it can be impressed on Jim how to take advantage of what is there for him to make the most of, we'll have a new champion. You'd like to see that happen, wouldn't you—it would make a wonderful story, wouldn't it?"

We agreed, it would make a wonderful story.

"Well, it can come true," said Gould gravely. "I've already told Jim about my tip on Baer—how Max has to get himself angered to become dangerous, and how he can't keep himself in that spirit long enough to maintain an attack. He believes I have given him the right dope on how to win, but I'm his manager and naturally, he takes my tip as more or less wishful thinking on my part. But if he heard from you what Carlin had to say about how Birkie handles Baer, it would sink in, the stuff I've been telling him, wouldn't it?"

We had to admit that it probably would.

"Especially," now Gould's voice was almost pleading, "if you make it appear you had just happened up that way for the week end and dropped in to get a line on what the camp was like. Then, in the course of conversation, you could reveal what Carlin told you and, of course, without telling Jim you had already discussed it with me. That would make a deep impression on Jim. He'd work and eat and dream how to fight Baer right. You'd have a wonderful story if Jim won, as I'm certain he will."

SO THE writer was talked into making an early trip to the Braddock camp and Jim was so interested in what Carlin had had to say about Baer and Birkie, that he brought it up in our conversation several times during my brief visit. And he spoke about the Carlin conversation every time I came up to Loch Sheldrake and his training grind became more and more intensive.

The way Braddock trained left no doubt as to who would be the better conditioned when Braddock and Baer climbed into the ring. For this wasn't the usual sparring sessions that took place almost day after day. This was fighting—fighting to a degree so strenuous, one wondered if there was not some danger of Jim leaving his fight in the camp. As it was, the challenger suffered a bruised rib and had to spar with a protector concealed under his sweat shirt to keep the rib injury from becoming aggravated. And while Braddock fought himself into condition, over in the Baer camp Max was merely going through the motions.

SO GOULD brought his man into the ring with a distinct edge in fighting condition over the champion. This was the more pronounced because of the poor shape the big bad Baer was in for the defense of his laurels.

The champion was very bad that night and the challenger fought him in the right way. Max was able to rouse himself to a dangerously angry pitch only too seldom and, when he did, Jim knew how to take care of his opponent's spasmodic outbursts.

Round after round had gone by and it was apparent only a knockout could save Baer his title. He tried in desperation to pull victory out of defeat in the fifteenth and final round, but to no avail. Time was running out rapidly and it was apparent that a new king would be crowned. Close beside me I could hear Johnny Broderick of the New York Police Department's strong-arm squad tolling off the seconds as one in prayer—

"Only fifty-nine seconds more to go, Jim . . . Only thirty seconds more to go, Jim; only twenty-nine seconds more to go, Jim—"

It made a wonderful story!

Not alone that the winner had been brought from the pugilistic scrap heap to the heavyweight throne; not alone that the prohibitive betting favorite had been defeated in a stunning upset.

That was a wonderful story. But, to the writer, the most wonderful part of the yarn was, how the faith of Joe Gould had made the seemingly impossible story come true.

The Cinderella Man had gained the world heavyweight crown.

HE HIT THE JACKPOT

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aging a good New York middleweight, Harry Galfund. Some Jersey business men were interested in purchasing Galfund's contract, but before completing the deal they wanted a close-up view of what Harry could do. A date was arranged at Joe Jeannette's gymnasium in Hoboken.

A sparring partner was needed. Gould looked over the gym and spotted a tall, skinny kid working out by himself off in a corner. Joe asked him if he wanted to pick up a few bucks boxing a round or two. The kid was willing.

Galfund, an experienced campaigner, and a particularly good gym performer, figured to "look a million" against the lanky novice. But things didn't turn out as expected. The unknown proceeded to raise plenty of hob with Galfund—so much hob, in fact, that Gould's prospective customers promptly lost their enthusiasm and called off the deal.

Ever the opportunist, Gould became interested in the kid who had just jammed up his plans. He learned that the youngster's name was Braddock, and he had followed two older brothers into boxing. Young Jim was doing well as an amateur, but he wanted to turn professional. No, he didn't have a manager. Yes, he did, said Gould. And that's how it started.

"FIGHT OR ELSE"

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for time. He'll have to do something about fighting in defense of the middleweight crown this summer. That is if Saddy means it when he says, "Fight or else—"

It wasn't always like this with middleweight champions. In 1919 Harry Greb had 41 fights. In 1924 as champion he defended the title against Johnny Wilson, Fay Kaiser and Ted Moore within a period of six months. The next year he beat Mickey Walker and Tony Marullo. Greb lost the title in his sixth defense to Tiger Flowers.

The great Stanley Ketchel became middleweight champion when he beat Jack (Twin) Sullivan in 20 rounds in 1908. Before the year was over, the Michigan Assassin had defended it three times, lost it to Billy Papke and regained it from Papke. Ketchel was what you would call a fighting champion.

George Dixon holds the record for the most championship fights. He won the bantamweight championship and the featherweight championship three times. He defended the latter title 25 times. In all he fought 34 championship battles.

Jack Britton and Ted (Kid) Lewis fought each other 20 times for the welterweight title.

The old timers were busy working at their trade. The purses were smaller of course, but they made ring history by fighting whenever possible. President Saddy may have the right idea in demanding action from the champions. There is nothing the matter with boxing today, and as a matter of fact, due in part to television, interest in the sport is greater than ever before.

What the fans want is action. It's up to the champions to give it to them.

BINGHAMTON BOXING AND WRESTLING NEWS

By Joe Diehl

WRESTLING has completely taken the play away from boxing here of late, with the return appearance of Gorgeous George at Kalurah Temple on April 29 drawing an all-time high for the arena of 1,706 payees. More than 500 fans were turned away.

Promoter Pedro Martinez plans to show outdoors shortly.

Boxing fans in the area had to travel to Syracuse to find something with a local angle to interest them. About 1,000 made the trek to the Salt City on May 4 to watch middleweight champ Jake LaMotta humble Joe Taylor, Binghamton product, at the Coliseum. The bout went the distance.

Taylor inflicted enough damage to the LaMotta orbs to allow him to take four rounds on the card of referee Babe Risko, himself a former middleweight ruler out of Syracuse. The other officials, Jack Michaels and Harvey Smith, each tabbed the fight 6-3-1 for LaMotta.

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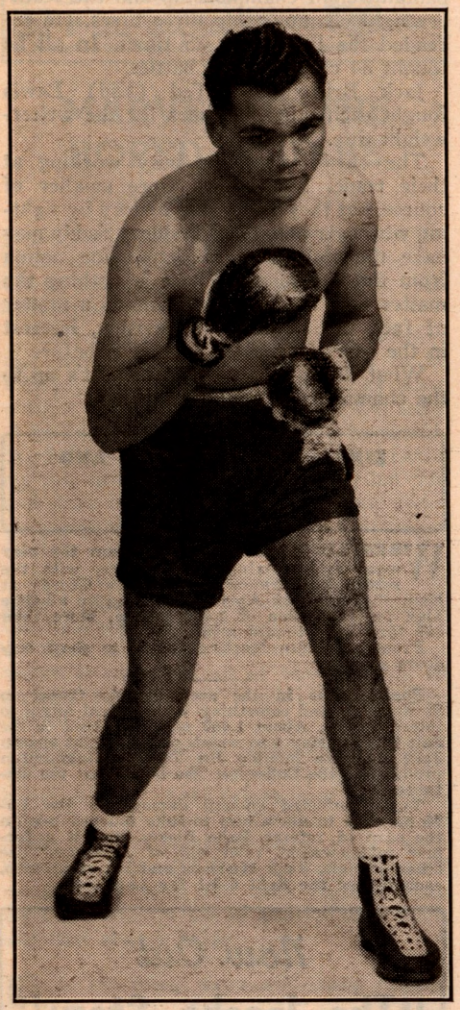

Dave Sands, contender for middleweight title.

DAVE SANDS

DAVE SANDS, the fourth of five fighting brothers of Newcastle, Australia, all of them main-eventers, ranks as one of the most serious threats to Jake LaMotta's world middleweight crown.

Australia's triple champion—he holds the native middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight titles—Sands also owns the British Empire 160-pound diadem, gained by flattening Dick Turpin in one round in London on September 6, 1949.

Until his jaunt to England last year, Sands had fought exclusively in Australia and New Zealand.

Sands has fought two Americans during his campaign in England. In his first start there, and not fully acclimated, he was outpointed by Tommy Yarosz, but later he handed Pete Mead a bad lacing. Besides his quick kayo of Dick Turpin for the Empire middleweight title, Dave turned in another brilliant conquest in England by thrashing Robert Villemain.

Since returning to Australia, Sands has beaten Carl (Bobo) Olson of Hawaii.

Dave has lost only seven of more than ninety bouts, and five of these defeats have been squared away in return matches.

FIGHTING IN EUROPE

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my father who had been ailing from malaria. Josh used all the exercises that he employed in his own training. Oh, I didn't tell you but Josh was a pretty good scrapper in India before the war. As a matter of fact he won the lightweight championship of Malaya on the eve of World War II. He later lost his life while serving his country and was posthumously decorated for bravery."

"Quite a boy, your brother."

"You bet he was," continued Aaron, "he constantly encouraged me in my desire to be a fighter and I've never been sorry that I became a boxer." . . . He took a quick breath and continued, "Before I'm through I'll be up there too."

It was back in 1948 that Aaron, after winning 106 out of 111 amateur fights, was selected to represent his country in the Olympics, but he preferred to come to America and turn professional.

He started out on the Pacific Coast, winning a brace of victories over Gil Martinez, another over Don Cooper and a kayo over the same gentleman.

Joshua continued his biff career with a better than average record. His outstanding achievement in his U. S. invasion being his win over Bobby Bell.

Now Joshua is in the "Tight Isle" and at this writing has won his first three fights. He is fast becoming a favorite in British rings where his "action" and color are appreciated.

JOHNNY McGOWAN

"THE hard luck kid," that's what the British Fans call Johnny McGowan, the Wakefield light-heavyweight. Johnny has been beak busting since 1946, but his path has been blighted by a series of forget-me-nots. He's had pleurisy twice, arthritis, a fractured jaw, a broken ankle bone, blood poisoning, septic tonsils, broken nose, has had his right hand broken five times and was recently ruptured while training for a fight with Al Marson. That would stop many a man but not Johnny. He's still in there banging away with both hands and George Farmer writes to us to say that if McGowan gets a fair break from ole dame fortune in the way of health that he will be back in action and up with the top boys before the year is out.

The lad is a cagey, two-handed puncher who has notched twenty-four wins out of thirty-one bouts. Among others he has defeated Doug Myers, Doug Miller, Sammy Wilde, Tommy Whelan and Allan Cooke.

Johnny might be termed the fourth in a family titled "the fightin' McGowans." His grampa and great-grampa were bare knuckle battlers and his father was more than handy with the gloves. Now there's Johnny, and he in turn is married and has a son who may carry on the tradition.

PETER INDACO

A RABID fight fan all his life, and a familiar face in the New York scene for nearly 20 years, London-born Lew Indaco really has something to enthuse about now—even though the enthusing must be done at long range. Lew's nephew, Peter Indaco, has been stirring up some interesting didoes in English rings, and is currently rated one of the better young lightweights in and around London.

Jack Hyams, who is looking after Indaco, has been in no hurry with the youngster. Jack is taking him along by easy stages, giving him every opportunity to learn and improve with experience, and Peter's progress has been steady. Boxing less than two years, young Indaco's record for his first 22 starts reveals 19 victories —seven by knockouts—against three lost decisions. One of those losses, to Terry Gordon, was reversed in another meeting.

Indaco is currently putting together a winning streak that covers his last six bouts, his victims numbering Johnny Hudson (twice), Joe Rock, Harry Cook, Leyson Lewis and Peter James.

Lew is talking now of bringing Peter over to New York for a combination pleasure-business visit this year. "Some experience against American competition would do him a lot of good," says Uncle Lew.

IN BRITISH GUIANA

By Stan Santos

"FEARLESS FREDDIE" of Trinidad outpointed British Guiana's lightweight champion, Dewan Singh, in a gruelling twelve round contest before a huge crowd on the G.E.C. grounds, Bourda.

These two boys were scheduled to meet in December last year, but due to inclement weather which caused record floods and severe damage to this country, the bout was postponed six times.

The Trinidadian mastered his opponent from the first round. This fight was one of the greatest ever witnessed in the country. Both Singh and Freddie scaled 135¼ lbs.

In the opening bout, Young Montana, 118½, easily outpointed Pat Hyman, 117.

Calvin Mitchell, 125½, scored a TKO early in the first round over Leon Carroll, 128¼.

Young Joe Baksi, 137½, kept his unbeaten record clean, when he mastered the rough Billy Welch, 135¼, in a points decision.

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BOXING BITS FROM TORONTO AND HAMILTON

By Al Best

DISASTER struck the Toronto boxing scene when Alan McFater, 137½, Mimico's pride and joy, was knocked out by Armand Savoie, 132½, of Montreal. The clash took place April 25th at Maple Leaf Gardens, with over 6000 fans on hand. Savoie came to Toronto highly touted and he lived up to his advance notices, as he belted out McFater at 2.59 of the seventh round. For Savoie, who represented Canada at the Olympic games, it was his 12th straight K.O.

In the semi-final, Billy Fifield, 166½, won a dull decision over Gil Williams, 188½, of Syracuse. George Sinclair, 127, Winnipeg, continued his winning ways with a rousing six-round decision over veteran Teddy Swain, 127¼, Toronto. By far the best fight of the night was the sizzling six-round draw between Rocky Armondo, 130½, Montreal, and Davey Mitchell, 128, Toronto. Armondo, a stablemate of Savoie, had the crowd on its feet. Tommy Corrick, 123, Toronto, scored a T.K.O. over John Howard, 120½, Cleveland, at 2.20 of the fourth. Stan "Kid" Bice, 135, made his pro debut a winning one, when Kenny Haines, 135, of Toronto, was disqualified in the fourth for butting.

Hamilton was the scene of one of the best amateur fight shows to be presented in many a year in that city. Joe Pugliese of the Hamilton Amateur Boxing Club broke an all-time attendance record, when over 1700 fans crowded into the Municipal Pool to watch the Canadian Middleweight champion, Gordon Wallace, of Brantford, and Billy Pinkus of Winnipeg battle it out over the five-round route. It was a slam-bang affair, with Wallace gaining a split decision. Pinkus, who represented Canada at the recent British Empire Games in New Zealand, came to Hamilton with a record of 52 K.O.'s in 55 fights.

Ringside Chatter—James J. Parker, Toronto heavyweight who has scored four straight knockouts since turning pro, to add to his 23 as an amateur, is now working as a host at one of Toronto's top night spots. Vic Bagnatto, popular Toronto fight man, has severed his relations with the Diamond Boxing Club. Plans on sticking to amateur fighters.

CHARLES LAYOFF CHAOTIC

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beneficial to boxing.

In announcing a medical report sidelining Charles for 90 days, the Illinois Commission took the big play away from the New York Commission.

The New York body was to have had its specialists examine Ezz a week after the fighter was subjected to tests in Chicago.

Following publication of the Chicago examination results, there was nothing Col. Edward Eagan, chairman of the New York Commission, could do but to affirm the Illinois verdict shelving Charles for 90 days more.

Just why the Illinois Commission got into the situation may not be clear to the general public. Charles was scheduled to fight Beshore in Buffalo, under the jurisdiction of the New York body.

However, Joe Triner was thrown into the foreground, and Charles submitted to the Illinois examination. The N.B.A. had asked Joe to conduct the test. Charles had won the N.B.A. crown in Chicago.

Dr. Ferlaino concurred in the medical findings of the Chicago doctors, and said that the entire case had been handled with greater care, with greater recourse to recognized medical authority and scientific skill than any similar situation ever before had been in boxing history.

Dr. Ferlaino said that the report of the Chicago doctors had followed closely that of Dr. Robert L. Levy, the New York heart specialist, who had been called in by Eagan, and Dr. Ross Golden, professor of radiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

THE Charles situation is without precedent in world boxing.

For a fighter, young and virtually at the outset of his major career, to be forced to go to the sidelines with a heart injury is something new.

Gene Tunney retired unbeaten after his fight with Tom Heeney, because of a kidney ailment. But Gene had beaten Jack Dempsey twice, and already had achieved his goals.

Dempsey was not well when he fought Tunney the first time, in Philadelphia, and lost his title. But at Chicago, Jack was okeh again.

Jim Jeffries was just "a hollow shell" when he came out of retirement to take a beating from Jack Johnson. But Jim already had finished up his ring career, and doubtless he knew it.

Under lax conditions of the past, Charles doubtless would have gone on with the Beshore fight, and might have suffered serious injury.

Nine ring fatalities and many serious injuries in 1949 aroused our boxing authorities to a keener realization of their responsibilities. Rigid handling of the Charles case was a reaction from that situation.

Illinois said, "This man must rest for 90 days," and New York repeated, "This fighter rests for 90 days."

American fans want to see Charles compete. But they want no more Roach cases.

CHARLES LEADS 'EM ALL

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Skinny Bob was still 167 when he found Jim Jeffries' 206 too much and surrendered the crown in 1899. When Jeffries retired Tommy Burns stepped up as the best of what was left, and for some three years was at the head of the parade.

And Burns had his toughest time with a "middleweight-heavyweight" — Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. In 1906, "Philly John," scaling 153½, held Burns to a 20-round draw in Los Angeles, with Jeffries as referee. In 1907, O'Brien built himself up to 167 and lost a 20-round decision to Burns in a tough fight. And when Jack Johnson took over from Burns, after chasing him around the world, O'Brien still had enough to go six rounds with Johnson. And O'Brien was 31 years old then, and weighed 161 to Johnson's 205.

TOMMY GIBBONS, who gave Jack Dempsey more trouble in 1923 than all the autograph-hounds together give Jack in his Broadway restaurant these days, weighed only 175½ the night they went at each other. Harry Greb, a 158-pounder, took them on in all shapes and sizes. Before he ever won the middleweight title he gave Gene Tunney a fancy going-over in 1922.

Mickey Walker was still the middleweight champ when he whipped Johnny Risko and stopped K. O. Christner. In 1931, he gave up his middleweight crown, undefeated, to move in on the heavies. He held Jack Sharkey to a ten-round draw in 1931 —less than a year before Jack won the heavyweight title. He went on to outpoint Paulino Uzcudun and stand off Max Schmeling for half a dozen rounds until the German wore him down in the eighth, in 1932.

As a matter of fact, there's a situation right in the backyard today where the welterweight champion, Ray Robinson, is regarded as sure pop over the middleweight king, Jake LaMotta, if they ever tangle again—inasmuch as Ray has whipped Jake four out of five already. Going up the ladder, there are few, if any, who'd give light-heavyweight boss, Joey Maxim, much chance against the welterweight wonder, and there are any number of boys and girls who would like to see Sugar Ray even try his hand at Charles' heavyweight laurels.

So the next time some W. E. P. (see first paragraph) tells you no real good heavyweight has come out of the army, because Ezzard Charles isn't "big" enough to be a "real" heavy, you just ask said W. E. P. what's the difference between a .45 pistol bullet going through a man's heart and a blockbuster bomb landing in his lap. They both do the trick.

LOUISVILLE PUNCH LINES

By Joe French

THE latest promoter to enter the Louisville fight picture is David W. Karp, distillery and loan company owner. Karp was recently granted a promoter's license by Boxing Commissioner George Wetherby. The new club, to be known as Boxing, Inc., has capable Joe Walling in the matchmaker's seat.

Amateur boxing is getting ahead in Louisville with a fine project sponsored by the City Recreation Department. Two training centers are operating for the amateur lads and shows are being held twice monthly. Stu Gibson, former local G. G. champ in the heavy class, is in charge of the program, assisted by Joe Martin, well-known local handler. In charge of the Negro training center is Bob Garner, former pro light-heavy and heavyweight of Louisville, who has retired from active ring warfare to enter the training end of the game.

The little men of the boxing ranks, namely, bantams and junior featherweights, are starting to show up in greater numbers in this part of the country. Here in Louisville we have some good midget maulers both in the amateurs and the paid classes. In the simon pures, the standouts are Harold Mullins and Junie Green, with several others also developing fast. Among the pro group, we have George Morris and Richard Ross. Another boy who has joined the local fight colony is Spider Thomas, Indianapolis bantam and junior feather. Thomas is a real crowd pleaser.

Boxing, Incorporated, presented its first card, a real action-packed program from the opener on up through the feature. In the top ten, Doug Medley received a close decision over rugged Ronnie Harper, former West Virginia welter now booking out of Detroit. The verdict for Medley was split, with one of the judges voting a draw. It was a hard-fought, rough contest. In the six-round semi, Bobo Drago, New Albany, Ind., scored over Jimmy Robinson of Louisville in another welter scrap. Spider Thomas, 122, former Indianapolis boy now of Louisville, belted out Tommy Tibbs, 120, of Columbus, O., in the fifth heat. This was one of the fastest bouts on the card.

Bobby Jenkins, muscular Negro belter from nearby Fort Knox, Ky., was too strong and too big for Jess McGowan, who went out in round one of a heavyweight bout. Bobby Anderson, a new local prospect, looked sharp outpointing clever Hoover Doyle of Charlestown, Ind., in another four. Both welters. In an extra bout, George Morris and Richard Ross, both Louisville featherweights, fought a pleasing four-round draw.

Attention unattached southern boxers—Good fighters without managers who are located in surrounding southern states and would like to headquarter here for action in northern rings should write this reporter. Boys of all weights can do well, especially those weighing 118 to 126 pounds. New faces are welcome, including amateur champions turning pro. Contact Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Noel Humphreys, a young featherweight with a classy simon pure record, should go far as a pro. Micky Davies handles him. . . . Freddie Eiler of Louisville has a good lad in tow in Bobby Anderson, a welter.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

DURING April the Mexican fans had two international fights thanks to the local promoter. Here are the results:

Reuben Smith, 118, classified by THE RING among the best ten bantamweights of the world, decisioned Cachorro Herrera, 122, in ten. Smith easily won. Panchito Uribe, 124, outpointed Baby Vazquez, 125, in ten.

Alfonso Ortiz, 131, decisioned Baltazar Castro, 133. Ortiz has won thirteen bouts in succession. Chico Escamilla, 135, stopped Jose Macias, 132, in two rounds.

Luis Castillo, 121, Mexico's bantamweight champion, outpointed Reuben Smith, 118. The decision was not popular. Most people thought it should have been at least a draw. In the tenth Castillo knocked him down without a count.

Manuel Rivera, 134, decisioned Aurelio Cruz, 135, in ten.

Baby Vazquez, 126, outpointed Salvador Molina, 129, in ten. Babe Zaragoza, 118, outpointed Indio Garcia, 118, in ten. Raul Esqueda, 136, stopped Jose Cardenas, 132, in nine. Tomas Vargas, 138, outpointed Rafael Hadad, 137, in ten.

Angel Iglesias, 113, decisioned Memo Sanchez, 109, in ten tiresome rounds. Jorge Castro, 148, decisioned Manuel Luevano, 145, in ten.

Chucho Ruiz, 135, outpointed Julio Cesar Jimenez, 136. Mexico's lightweight champion in ten, while Matias Fenoy, 145, outpointed Cargador Rocha, 145.

Dauthuille the Fighter of Month

By THE RING STAFF

BOXING'S upset of the month took place in Montreal, where Laurent Dauthuille knocked out Steve Belloise, a high-ranking middleweight, in the seventh round of a contest in which Belloise was dropped three times. By his victory, Dauthuille gained himself a position as the second ranking middleweight contender, only Ray Robinson being above him. Laurent also gained the honor of being named "The Fighter of the Month."

Though those in charge of Villemain's affairs insist that since he won two contests during April and also defeated Dauthuille twice, he, not Robinson nor Dauthuille, is entitled to first position in the scramble for the top challenger's post. The fact remains that three of Villemain's last four contests have been won on split decisions—two of them questionable. As for the defeats suffered by Dauthuille at the hands of Villemain, those were in 1947 and 1948 and cannot be taken into consideration in ratings as of now. He has improved marvelously since those losses and has earned the post allotted him.

The proper way to settle the dispute would be for Villemain and Dauthuille to fight for the right to the high post, but getting them together is an impossibility. Dauthuille this year knocked out Charley Zivic in nine rounds, besides landing the haymaker on Belloise. Villemain won a thrilling bout from Jean Stock in Paris, then gained three ten-round split decisions over Kid Gavilan, Otis Graham and Joe Rindone.

Both Robert and Laurent are excellent performers and one of them may win the world crown once held by their countryman, Marcel Cerdan.

This month's ratings find the name of Ronnie Delaney missing, although he lost no contests, the reason being that in his last battle he scaled 156 pounds, far beyond the welterweight limit. Last month he was our fifth welter, but he does not yet belong to the ten highest ranking middleweights. Unless he can prove he is a welter, this excellent fighter will have to prove his merit in the higher division.

Harry Matthews, who is being handled by Jack Hurley, has finally crashed the ratings. This veteran, who, under Hurley, has settled down to real work, looms up as one of the best of the Western light-heavyweights. Tommy Yarosz, by his victory over Dave Whitlock, a most convincing triumph, has reached the second highest position with only Archie Moore, first. Konrad Rux, who stopped Lloyd Marshall, gives Germany its first ranking fighter since the war.

As for the anaemic heavyweight class, the activity due in a few weeks will settle once and for all the positions to which the veterans now listed actually belong. Walcott's fight with Hein ten Hoff and the Woodcock-Savold battle should eliminate one or more of these battlers from further consideration as title contenders. New faces are coming to the fore, while the veterans are being shunted aside.

Lester Felton, THE RING's 1949 Rookie of the Year, continues setting the pace in his division. He has now reached the highest challenger's post and merits a shot at Ray Robinson's crown. Were he in Europe, he would be named for such a title bout, but in America we let our champions pick their own opponents.

Arthur King leads the field among the lightweights. He is the British Empire champion. Rudy Cruz, Mexico's best boy, rates second and Art Aragon, California star, is close on his trail. Despite his defeat by Pep, Ray Famechon holds down second post in the feather class, and Honore Pratesi, who lost to Terry Allen, continues as the head man among the flyweight contenders.

The results of the month follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Piet Strydom outpointed George Hunter, 8. Jimmy Gambino chilled Johnny Williams, 2. Gene Jones kayoed Adolf Kleinholdermann, 1. Elkins Brothers stopped Gerhard Titze, 4.

Emile Bentz stopped Leonard Riva, 2. Richard Grupe halted Gerhard Tiedtke, 6. Ralph Schneider polished off Hank Sazen, 2.

Lee Oma outpointed Vern Mitchell, 10. Oma later met Bill Weinberg and both fighters were disqualified in the seventh round for foul tactics.

Bob Baker knocked out Rusty Payne, 4. Roland LaStarza kayoed James Walls, 3.

Gino Buonvino stopped Dolph Quijano, 2. Omelio Agramonte defeated Bill Gilliam, 8. Roscoe Toles decisioned Bill Petersen, 10. Willie Bean iced Joe Sandall, 4.

Clarence Henry flattened Al Spaulding, 1. Mike Buha stopped Bobby Spaeth, 8.

Rex Layne was a winner over Grant Butcher, 10. Pat Comiskey flattened Art Henri, 7. Patrick Henry flattened Bob Jefferson, 2. Jimmy Gambino also kayoed Jefferson in 2 heats.

Piet Wilde won over Emile Bentz, 10. Alf Gallagher whipped Steve McCall, 8. Charley Lester chilled Tommy Woodward, 5. George Kaplan knocked out Johnny Melko, 4.

Sonny Parisi decisioned Keene Simmons, 8. Carl Nielson outpointed Prosper Beck, 8. Ray Wilding stopped Don Scott, 5.

Coley Wallace kayoed Eddie Brown, 5. Jimmy DeLange flattened Cecil Rowland, 2.

Johnny Neugebauer chilled Ike Welcome, 1, but Welcome knocked out Sebi Interlandi, 3.

Odell Riley stopped Johnny Swanson, 4. Mel Modesti drew with Junior Payne, 4.

Rodney Jones beat Windmill Pearce, 10. Mike Fisher stopped John Orgen, 4.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

World's champion Joey Maxim knocked out Joe Dawson, 2 (non-title).

Tommy Yarosz whipped Dave Whitlock, 10. Dolph Quijano was stopped by heavyweight Gino Buonvino, 2.

Nick Barone halted Phil Muscato, 8. Skeets Starkey kayoed Art Williams, 3. Harry Matthews knocked out Watson Jones, 3.

Albert Yvel retained the French title by stopping Jacques Hairabedian, 6. Bob Dunlap whipped Dutch Culbertson, 10. Mel Brown knocked out Dennis Powell, 7.

Eddie Cotton licked Don Lee, 10. Bob Murphy knocked out Frankie Augustain, 4.

Lee Baldwin bested Hal Sampson, 6. Italian champion Renato Tontini stopped Guiliano Pancani, 10. Bernardo Pacini was outpointed by Dennis Powell, 10. Powell, in turn, was stopped by Mel Brown, 7, who also kayoed Mark Hart, 4.

Larry Shaw defeated Bob Flanagan, 10, and Jack Burke, 8. Don Cockell stopped Jimmy Carroll, 7.

Willie Leake stopped Charley Dawson, 5. Garnett Denny halted Mick McMenamin, 3; Doug Richards, 4, and Wally Diamond, 4.

Ronny Hopp shaded Russ Walters, 4. Tony Johnson whipped Freddy Greenfield, 6. Allan Cooke edged out Al Marson, 8.

Lucien Corenthin stopped Andre Lefranc, 6. Eddie Plouffe licked Mike Gillo, 6. Tommy Ragucci beat Arthur Wallace, 4.

Paul Rudd stopped James Gadson, 4. Freddy Greenfield drew with Dom Perro in 4.

German champion Connie Rux stopped Lloyd Marshall, who was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

Andre Guedj drew with Reino Giovanni, 8. Paul Schirrman kayoed Hans Vermeulen, 6.

Larry Shaw lost to Ray Bryan, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World champion Jake LaMotta decisioned Joe Taylor in a ten-round non-title test.

Robert Villemain won a close ten-rounder from Joe Rindone.

Laurent Dauthuille stopped Steve Belloise, 7.

Australian and British Empire champion Dave Sands kayoed Boy Brooks, 3, after Brooks had outpointed his brother, Alfie Sands, 10. Alfie came back to stop Clever Ciano, 9.

Carl Olson stopped Roy Miller, 5. Lee Sala knocked out Hal Meredith, 2.

Rocky Graziano flattened Danny Williams, 3, and stopped Vinnie Cidone, 3. Charley Angelee outpointed Jimmy Beau, 10.

Ronnie Delaney outscored Anton Raadik, 10.

Albert Finch became British champion by outpointing Dick Turpin, 15. Previously, Finch whipped Joe Beckett, 10. Bobby Dawson outpointed Claude Ritter, 10.

Artie Diamond pasted Tommy Engelhardt, 6, and Eddie Edwards, 6. Joe Giardello kayoed Tommy Varsos, 1.

Jack Snapp stopped Cordell Jones, 9. Jimmy

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending May 15, 1950

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Title Vacant	World's Champion Joey Maxim	World's Champion Jake LaMotta	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Ezzard Charles	Archie Moore	Ray Robinson	Lester Felton
2—Joe Walcott	Tommy Yarosz	Laurent Dauthuille	Billy Graham
3—Bruce Woodcock	Bob Satterfield	Robert Villemain	George Costner
4—Lee Savold	Bert Lytell	Dave Sands	Kid Gavilan
5—Joe Baksi	Bob Murphy	Tiberio Mitri	Frankie Fernandez
6—Bob Baker	Leonard Morrow	Lee Sala	Charley Fusari
7—Lee Oma	Harry Matthews	Carl Olson	Philip Kim
8—Rocky Marciano	Konrad Rux	Art Towne	Charley Cotton
9—Roland LaStarza	Lloyd Marshall	Rocky Graziano	Gene Burton
10—John Holman	Reuben Jones	Tony Janiro	Eddie Thomas

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Terry Allen
1—Arthur King	Sandy Saddler	Luis Romero	Honore Pratesi
2—Rudy Cruz	Ray Famechon	Luis Galvani	Peter Keenan
3—Art Aragon	Charley Riley	Luis Castillo	Maurice Sandeyron
4—John L. Davis	Luis deSantiago	Vic Toweel	Jan Sneyers
5—Freddie Dawson	Ronnie Clayton	Danny O'Sullivan	Dickie O'Sullivan
6—Carlos Chavez	Al Phillips	Elley Bennett	Chai Sitphol
7—Percy Bassett	Henry Davis	Hadi Tijani	Michel Dicky
8—James Carter	Tirso del Rosario	Bobby Boland	Taffy Hancock
9—Roberto Proietti	Lauro Salas	Theo Medina	Mickey Hill
10—Paddy DeMarco	Conrad Castanon	Tommy Proffitt	Vic Herman

Flood licked Germaine Caboche, 8. Walter Cartier laced Otis Graham, 10, and kayoed Bobby James, 2.

Jimmy Welch whipped Jesse Turner, 6. Ralph Zannelli decisioned Al Couture, 10.

Joe Arthur stopped Eddie Miller, 4, and licked Tony Masciarelli, 8. Tony was kayoed by Bobby Dykes, 8. Randy Ingram defeated Ernie Genell, 6.

Billy Brown stopped Chico Pacheco, 6. Sal Flores halted Billy Zaduck, 5. Wilmer Milandi decisioned Serge Barthelemy, 10.

Antonio Soldevilla outpointed Kid Marcel, 8. Tommy Cunniff was stopped by Gene Smith, 1.

Roy Wouters knocked out George Ross, 9. Gilbert Stock outfought Jean Wanes, 10, and stopped Jan de Bruin, 5. Claude Ritter decisioned Harry Bos, 10.

Dick Langley outpointed Bert Hyland, 8.

Jimmy Herring starched Rocky Compitello, 1. Angelo Luongo outpointed Frankie Navedo, 6, and Larry Gassa, 6. Fernando Janilli decisioned Albert Heyen, 12.

Ray Kelly kayoed Clarence Goldsby, 4, but lost to Jim Leslie, 6. Bill Godfrey licked Felix Mastro, 4. Bobby Morgan stiffened Joe Boogich, 5.

Dutch champion Luc van Dam stopped Jacques Royer-Crecy, 3. Tony Gandolfo chilled Lenny Holton, 1. Ern Jarvis stopped Art Davis, 4. Antonio Soldevilla outpointed Kid Marcel, 10.

Johnny Duke beat Milo Savage, 6. Hans Stretch retained the German title by drawing with Gerhard Hecht, 12. Hurley Sanders licked Al Dykman, 6, but lost to Joe Giardello, 8.

Sal Belloise chilled Tony Amato, 3, and Mike Sobel, 5. Mike Gillo stopped Harry Hall, 3.

Billy Fifield pasted Gilly Williams, 8. Carmine Vitale nodded Al Rosasco, 8. Gordon Hunt outpointed Ernie Batchelor, 4.

Tony Amato licked Tommy Ragucci, 4. Lafayette Drummond defeated Earl Wenbourne, 8. Palomo Corrales whipped Dick Allen, 10. John Hickson iced Phil Ricco, 4. Sonny Levitt kayoed Jay Paniagua, 6.

Danny Mann licked Don Layton, 4. Gus Mell shaded Ted Bussey, 10.

Jimmy Welch defeated Al Mobley, 6. Paul Pender outpointed Charley Dotson, 10.

Irvin Steen decisioned Art Soto, 12. Jay Caldwell tripped Don Lee, 10. Dom Youvella licked Gene Boland, 8.

Jose Basora stopped Billy Corbett, 7. South African champion George Angelo decisioned Joe Munro, 8.

Bob Stecher knocked out Jose Contreras, 10. Charley Parker defeated Kelly Duncan, 4.

Though he failed to repeat a previous kayo, Australian and British Empire champion Dave Sands whipped Boy Brooks in a return 10-rounder. Paddy Young edged out a split verdict over welterweight Charley Fusari, 10. Jimmy Herring again knocked out Rocky Compitello, this time in five rounds.

Tony Gandolfo flattened Gordon Hunt, 1. Stanley Wysocki kayoed Serge Dataille, 2.

Billy Brown whipped Joe Arthur, 8. Moe Hill licked Sam Brown, 6. Randolph Turpin outpunched Gus Degouve, 8.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World champion Ray Robinson knocked out Cliff Beckett, 3 (non-title), and decisioned Ray Barnes, 10 (non-title).

Billy Graham edged Phil Burton, 10, and then decisioned Jimmy Sanders, 10.

Lester Felton outpointed Tuzo Portuguez, 10. George Costner upset Kid Gavilan, 10. British champion Eddie Thomas won over Bruno Mastoregan, 8.

Charlie Cotton scored an upset win over Gene Burton, 10. Beau Jack stopped Jackie Weber, 7.

Charley Fusari whipped Joey Carkido, 10. Roger Donaghue halted Tony Viserto, 5.

Otis Graham won a duke from Tommy Bell, 10. Bell also lost to Henry Jordan, 10, and Graham lost to Walter Cartier, 10.

Eddie Giosa shaded Johnny Greco, 10.

Bobby Dykes stopped Tony Masciarelli, 8, and Dave Meredith, 2. Don Williams halted Vinnie Rossano, 8.

Philip Kim flattened Robert Takeshita, 5. Charley Salas whipped Charley Williams, 10, and Leon Daugherty, 10.

Johnny Saxton decisioned Joe Micelli, 10. Aldo Minelli won over Tommy Bazzano, 8.

Bob Frost repeated his previous win over Scottish champion Willie Whyte, 10. Pierre Langlois decisioned Titi Clavel, 10, and stopped Jean Bechart, 7, and Pierre Mougin, 4. Claude Hammond scored over Hy Melzer, 8.

Bobby Lloyd won over Marshall Clayton, 8. Bobby Elliott stopped Billy Moore, 8. Junius Washington halted Joe Danos, 4.

Sonny Burke edged Johnny Saad, 10. Vinnie D'Andrea outpointed Johnny Darby, 6, and Paul Hawks, 6. Joe Garza stopped Dan Pinto, 4, and Jim Chaney, 5.

Hank Risk whipped Johnny Paoletti, 10. Eric McQuade stopped Cal Johnson, 2, and Bill Rattray, 1. Joe Murray beat Jay White, 6.

Kay Kalio flattened Harry Lazar, 2. Chico Varona stopped Bobby Mann, 9.

Rocky Brisbois defeated Carlin Scott, 6. Carey Mace beat Johnny Luz, 8. Max Skinner drew with Joe Manners, 12.

Danny Womber drew with Jimmy Sherrer, 8. Jacques DeHaye decisioned Jo Morales, 10. Valere Benedetto drew with Gilbert Ussin, 10.

Bobby Rosado kayoed Orlando Cepeda, 2. The latter was also flattened by Bob Miller, 5. Billy Murphy outlasted Andy Viserto, 8.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Keith King, Portland, Ore.
Light-heavyweight—Eddie Plouffe, Waterbury, Conn.
Middleweight—Bruce Crawford, England
Welterweight—Oscar Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.
Lightweight—Art Suffoletta, Bridgeport, Conn.
Featherweight—Ron Cooper, England
Bantamweight—Al Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.
Flyweight—Glyn David, Wales

Bert Linam stopped Chief Crazy Horse, 5. Alan Wilkins outpointed Bob Burniston, 10. Riggie Alotti flattened George Henry, 3.

Charles Humezt stopped Aissa Oucissa, 9. Louis Ortiz decisioned Jim Dockery, 4, but was stopped by Joe Trofe, 5.

Cliff Curvis edged out Gwyn Williams, 12. Charley Spicer battered Rudy Zadell, 8.

Vic Cardell whipped Tommy Cairlo, 12. Glen Hendershot drew with Billy Spangler, 10. Johnny Marino stopped Johnny Meza, 5. Ken Bailey outpointed Ron Warner, 12.

Jim Dillon nodded Gene Japngie, 4, and iced Joe Espisoto, 2. Harry Hall shaded Young Roundtree, 4. Carlo Mola won over Salvatore Sanna, 10.

Tommy McGowan decisioned Bill Bruce, 6. Edgar Delannoit outpointed Louis Atta, 8. Fred Flores whipped Bobby Gainsville, 4.

Phil Rizzo kayoed Bill Farley, 1. Don Alderson outpunched Johnny Paoletti, 6. Doc Watkins defeated Buddy Walls, 6.

Norman Thompson knocked out Ralph Jacobs, 3. Frank Gubas knocked out Johnny Meza, 1.

Stokes Thomas won over Frankie Fay, 4. Jean Wanes decisioned Sven Gustavson, 8. Joe Sgro beat Jimmy Sherrer, 10.

Tony Armentero defeated Frankie Navedo, 6. Tony Bove licked Luciano Gorno, 6. Frankie Lentine decisioned James Suber, 6. Jimmy King outscored Herman McCray, 8.

Gil Turner iced Jimmy Verne, 1. Lloyd Tate defeated George Gibbs, 6.

Al Costantino whipped Johnny DeFazio, 8. Frankie Fay stopped Hyman Williams, 8, and Benny Delgado, 10.

Levi Cote outfought Gerry Liliberte, 6. Carmine Fiore kayoed Joe Atrio, 7. Carmine Schiaffo drew with Fred Flores, 4.

Carmen Basilio kayoed Gaby Ferland, 1. Carey Mace stopped Rolly Johns, 4. Billy Murray outboxed Guy Guerrette, 6.

Joe Micelli stopped Johnny DeFazio, 6. Herman McCray halted Billy Patterson, 5.

Al Wilson licked Richie Orange, 6. Frankie Gubas kayoed Paul Hawks, 5. Frankie Carini flattened Werner Enge, 4.

Frankie Barranca outscored Frankie Friedman, 4. Tony Bove licked Johnny Fernandez, 6.

Jeff Tite stopped Joe Perks, 6. Scottish champion Willie Whyte shaded Alf Danahar, 10. Jean Mougin decisioned Kev Delaney, 12.

Charles Humezt retained the French title by outpointing Pierre Langlois, 15. Gilbert Lavoine kayoed Bernard Hyvon. Jimmy Dillon won over Don Hart.

Charley Fusari dropped a close verdict to middleweight Paddy Young.

Joe Lupo knocked out Jack Randolph, 3.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Arthur King stopped Herbie "Biff" Jones, 6.

Freddie Dawson knocked out welterweight Tommy Bell, 9.

Rudy Cruz defeated Tote Martinez, 12.

Art Aragon halted Guillermo Giminez, 2.

Enrique Bolanos stopped Mario Trigo, 7.

Paddy DeMarco battered Eduardo Carrasco, 8, and Dennis Pat Brady.

Beau Jack stopped Lew Jenkins, 6. Del Flanagan defeated Joey Barnum, 10.

Armando Savoie knocked out Alan McFater, 7; Young Junior, 4, and decisioned Spider Thompson, 8. Harold Jones beat Johnny Forte, 10.

Eddie Chavez licked Harold Dade, 10. Percy Bassett decisioned Proctor Heinold, 8, and stopped Mario Pacheco, 10.

Enrique Bolanos stopped Ermano Bonetti, 4. Rito Scandilla won over Mario Rosselini, 10. Tommy McGovern outpointed Alberto Diori, 8. Durante Coletti shaded Claude Dennington, 8.

Algar Smith halted Hughie Smith, 3. James Monaghan won over Billy Renard, 4.

Elis Ask decisioned Frank Hermal, 10. Manuel Madrid whipped Bolton Ford, 10. Jorgen Johansen whipped Elis Ask, 10. Buddy Hayes stopped Bobby Polowitzer, 9.

Sadok Bahri outpointed Auguste Caulet, 10. Reuben Davis licked Eduardo Carrasco, 10.

Pedro Llorente whipped Luis Pericas for vacant Spanish title, 15. Tommy Barnham was too shifty for Al Wilburn, 8. Abdel Kader Ben Miloud drew with Svend Wad, 8. Asger Warburg won over Camille Mombert, 8.

Maurice Mancini outfought Cliff Anderson, 10. Luigi Male won over Leandre Mateos, 10. Algar Smith flattened Harry Hughes, 1. Peter Indaco outscored Peter Hames, 6. Sonny Boy West stopped Bob Sandberg, 5.

Danny Webb defeated Ray Edwards, 10, and Ed Rawlings, 4. Tommy Coleman licked Julio Colon, 4.

Ace Aubrey nodded Louis Moeckel, 4. Chuchu Jiminez outpointed Rocky Lucerno, 6.

Tony Allegro stopped Sharazan Williams, 3. Ray Reed beat Walter Gomes, 6. Calvin Smith kayoed Clem Custer, 5. Jackie Marshall outpointed Johnny Flannigan, 10.

Mickey McDonald stopped Billy Lord, 11. Roger Odin won over Roger Baour, 10. Red Top Davis whipped Elis Ask, 10. Phil Morizio decisioned Johnny Moran, 6.

Bruno Lijoi outpointed Don Hart, 6. Emmy Tucci whipped Nazzarano Vitale, 6. Art Suffoletta beat Honey Elliott, 6.

Tommy Barto nodded Johnny Ward, 4. Vinnie Murray won over Nelson Torres, 6.

The Chu Chu Jiminez vs. Chivero Chavez contest ended in a one-round technical draw. Rocky Armando shaded Rene Trudeau, 6.

Luther Burgess beat Clem Custer, 6. Alfredo Prado drew with Jose Valdes, 10.

Roy Andrews licked Iggy Vaccari, 12. Massimo Sanna won over Ozzie Andrews, 10.

John L. Davis outpointed Sammy Angott, 10. Joey Scarlota whipped Fred Smith, 8. John Kamber knocked out Benny Smith, 4.

Mias Johnson knocked out George Cameron, 3. Gerry Smyth outpointed John Perry, 8. Josef Preys won over Frank Hermal, 10.

Arthur Persley whipped Ermano Bonetti, 6. Sonny Luciano decisioned Bill Neri, 6. Ralph Giordano won over Johnny Mulrooney, 4.

Tony Allegro finished Eddie Rawlings, 2. Angelo Cruz drew with Tommy Dixon, 4. Jim Findlay outpointed Jackie Marshall, 10. Gordon Goodman outboxed Johnny Hazel, 8.

Baby Ortiz defeated Australian champion Jack Hassen, 12. Dave Marsh won from Juste Fontaine, 8.

Art Suffoletta drew with Ozzie Andrews, 8. Vinnie Murray beat Nelson Torres, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Sandy Saddler stopped Lauro Salas, 9, and outpointed Jesse Underwood, 10.

Ray Famechon was a winner over Charley Riley, 10, while Riley came back to whip Glen Flanagan, 10.

British Champion Ronnie Clayton lost to Al Phillips, 10 (non-title). Scottish Champion Jim Kenny outpointed Stan Rowan, 10.

Conrad Castanon knocked out Memo Valero, 8. Spanish Champion Luis de Santiago stopped Morty Kelleher, 7.

After losing to bantamweight Danny O'Sullivan, 10, Francis Bonnardel came back to retain his French title by whipping Jean Archambault, 15. Pat Iacobucci took the nod over Eddie Lacy, 10, and Art Llanos, 10.

Frank Flannery decision Alex Sinnaeve, 12. Ernesto Formenti decisioned Georges Mousse, 10. Hannes Schneiders outpointed Jan Maas for Dutch title, 12.

Eddie Compo was held to a draw by Harry LaSane, 10. Tommy Bailey atoned for two previous defeats by whipping Bernard Pugh, 10. Leo LeBrun defeated Eddie Martin, 8, and Black Pico, 10.

Tommy May drew with Max Osario, 4. Lettie Petteway decisioned George Sanchez, 6.

Chris Kelly and Teddy Peckham drew, 10. Ovedio Ochoa drew with Johnny Lemons, 4, and licked Manuel Baptista, 4, Manuel beat Tommy Yamaoka, 6.

Ernest Formenti won over Antonio Iturbi, latter retiring in eight.

Al Graziano whipped Al Nocha, 4. Pat Marcune chilled Tim Healy, 3, and beat Max Osario, 6. Lou Castrilli whipped Jesus Compos, 6. Johnny Carr kayoed Compos, 1.

Georgie Pook decisioned Billy Parsons, 15. Tom Collins knocked out Lloyd Hudson, 3. Henry Schillizzi outpointed Chico Morales, 10.

Julie Colon starched Albert Nocha, 2. Joey Garcia drew with Johnny Longo, 10.

Lloyd Hudson knocked out Joe Nardeau, 4. Filberto Osario defeated Clint Miller, 10, but lost to Tom Pennino, 6.

Aldo Funari stopped Marcel Lesage, 6. Jackie Ryan decisioned Arthur McKillop, 15. Rocky Fusco decisioned Charley Slaughter, 6.

Denny Dawson defeated Harry Droy, 8, and Johnny Haywood, 7. Joe Wamsley whipped Julie Colon, 6.

Pat Marcune iced Johnny Arduini, 1. Lettie Petteway defeated Johnny Carr, 6.

Stan Gossip edged out Teddy Peckham, 8. Roy Ankarah scored his fourth victory of the month by stopping Gene Caffrey, 5. Maurice Forni outpointed Jacques Legendre, 10. Mohammed Bellatreche drew with Young Cyclone, 10.

Archie Devino whipped Bobby Bell, 8. Tommy DeSantis decisioned Vic Femia, 4. Luis Galvani stopped Tony Longo, 10. Dennis Dawson stopped Dennis Wilde, 2.

World champion Willie Pep knocked out Art Llanos, 2 (non-title). George Araujo decisioned Rudy Pasco, 10.

Tom Collins won over Timothy Hayes, 10. Gene Robnett licked Charley McGarry, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Louis Romero retained European title by stopping Danny O'Sullivan, 13, after O'Sullivan had

outpointed featherweight Francis Bonnardel, 8. Luis Castillo beat Reuben Smith, 10, while Smith came back to lace Cachorro Herrera, 10.

Luis Galvani chilled Gaetano Annaloro, 3, and stopped Calvin Leigh, 5. Italian Champion Amleto Falcinelli drew with Otello Balardinelli, 8, and Tino Cardinale, 12. Welsh Champion Jackie Sutton kayoed Glyn Jones, 6.

Tommy Proffitt knocked out Scottish Champion Eddie Carson, 6; Charley Savard 5, and Fernando Gagnon, 2. Savard also was outpointed by Jimmy Webster, 8. Freddie Hicks reversed previous decision by outpointing Peter Fay, 8. Alf Webster drew with Jimmy McFadden, 12.

Ken Diston outpointed Roy Ball, 8. Jimmy Pearce won over Frank Clough, 6. Cliff Giles outfought flyweight Gus Harris, 6.

Mickey O'Sullivan outclassed Charley Waters, who retired at end of second. Ron Johnson flattened Les Carter, 5. Jimmy Thompson kayoed Al Gallacher, 2. Benny Kid Francis outscored Joe Boy Collins, 8, and decisioned Bobby Mason, 6.

Johny Bartles polished off Maurice Wilkinson, 1.

Scottish champion Eddie Carson kayoed Jackie Paterson, 2. Bob Scrivano outpointed flyweight Chai Sitphol, 12.

Bobby Boland drew with Alvaro Nuvolini, 10. Tino Cardinale won over flyweight Joe Murphy, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Terry Allen became new world champion by outpointing Honore Pratesi in 15-rounder for vacant crown.

Jan Sneyers decisioned Louis Skena, 10.

Michel Dicky won Belgian title by outpointing Fernand van Houche, 10.

Chai Sitphol stopped Australian Champion Mickey Hill, 11. Billy Ashton edged out Tommy Farricker, 12.

Henry Carpenter outpointed Jackie Foster, 8, and stopped Jackie Sutton, 2. Freddie Orr outboxed John McManus, 6. Billy Hazelgrove outpointed Mickey McLaughlin, 8.

Gus Harris was shaded by bantamweight Cliff Giles, 6. Jimmy Jennings drew with Harold Clarke, 6. Stumpy Butwell outpointed Des Joyce, 12.

Jeff Oscroft whipped Johnny Bartles, 8, and flattened Sid Hiom, 9. Joe Riding outpointed Dennis Reed, 6. Sid Charles edged out Johnny Black, 6.

Frank McCoy kayoed Billy Birch, 2.

Glyn David stopped Paddy Ryan, 4. Chai Sitphol was outpointed by bantamweight Bob Scrivano. Louis Skena decisioned Otello Belardinelli.

Joe Murphy lost to bantamweight Tino Cardinale, 8. Frank McCoy won over Joe Cairney, 8. Mickey King stopped Freddie Orr, 6.

(In last month's issue it was reported that Maurice Sandeyron had boxed a 10-round draw with Dickie O'Sullivan. It was a printer's error. Sandeyron's opponent was Michel Dicky.)

DENVER AND VICINITY

By W. G. (Bill) Thomas, Jr.

MORRIS SALTZER has been granted a license and plans to run semi-monthly shows. Salzer, who heads Empire Sports, Inc., states that he will hold small club shows featuring local talent.

Joe Fisher, 138, Pueblo, decisioned Tello Cruz, 138, Los Angeles, in ten at Phoenix—Also at Phoenix, Joe Danos, 152, Denver, was K.O.'ed by Junius Washington, 146½, Oakland, Calif., in four.

Salt Lake City—Ralph Helms, Rock Springs, Wyoming, kayoed Little Joe Louis, Denver middleweight, in the second round.

Billings, Mont.—Dick Weinhold, Denver welterweight, won a ten-round decision over Sonny Elizman, Spokane.

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IN INDIANA RINGS

By Anthony Coppi

A MOVE is under way in Indiana to form a Veteran Boxers' Association affiliated with the National organization of this kind headed by Sammy Mandell. This is a group organized to give aid to veteran fighters who are without social security benefits, government assistance or proper care from some other agencies.

An association such as the one planned here in Indiana is in operation in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, Michigan, New York and New Jersey.

Because of the success in other states, leaders of the association have prepared a bill for Congress to secure government assistance in caring for the fighters. The bill will provide for social aid, medical care and proper burial for ex-fighters.

Indiana residents wishing to join the association may write this corner for particulars. Address 1325 Tabor, Indianapolis.

Gene Parker, Indiana lightweight champion, scored an impressive ten-round decision over Dave Marsh, Akron, O., in the Armory, Indianapolis. Parker had previously lost to Marsh in the latter's home town. Parker won the decision through aggressiveness. The show was staged by Good Sports, Inc.

Bill Roberts, 198, Indianapolis, punched out a decision over Virgil Strauss, 177, Valpariso, in the eight-round semi-windup.

Willie Clemmons, 193, Indianapolis, knocked out Al Webster, 190, Detroit, in 1:30 of the second round of a scheduled six.

Stan Hartman, 131, Van Wert, O., won a four-round decision over Ace Aubre, 134, Indianapolis.

Bob Roberts, 141, won on a T.K.O. over Les Ways, 143, Indianapolis, in 2:02 of the third round of a scheduled four.

Promoter Vito Manuzzi staged a five-bout card at Gary in the Memorial Auditorium featuring a heavyweight bout between Jerry Locke, of Dayton, O., and Leo McClinton, of Chicago. McClinton was the victor by a knockout in two rounds.

Willis Boyd, 160, of Gary, won over Doug Jordan, 169, Chicago, in five rounds.

Henry Henderson, 148, Chicago, knocked out Ray Reuber, 147, Dayton, in one round.

Garfield Bryant, 127, Fort Wayne, won a split decision over Jay Brown, 130, Gary, in four rounds, and Eddie Smith, 149, Gary, knocked out Tommy Jones, 151, Gary, in three.

WRESTLING lost one of its best friends and biggest boosters when Bill Johnston died of a heart attack in a New York City drug store. Johnston had just left his office in the Paramount building where he had been working out last minute details for his big mat show in Madison Square Garden the following night. Bill predicted that the show would set a modern attendance record and his close friends commented that the strenuous work he had put into the planning of it had weakened him to a great extent.

He was the brother of the late James J. Johnston and Charley Johnston, the latter being the manager of former world's featherweight champion Sandy Saddler and Archie Moore, light-heavyweight contender.

In addition to promoting wrestling at the Garden, Bill presented shows at Jamaica Arena, St. Nicholas Arena and many other Eastern clubs.

A great deal of the rise of wrestling in recent years has been due to the industry and foresight of Bill, who made the grunt and groan business a labor of love.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By Jack Levinson

TERRIFIC punching Pete Lee, 160, Virginia State champion, emerged a close winner, after three rounds of nip and tuck fighting, with Mike Zecca of the Cherry Point Marines. Lee dropped the game Marine once in both the first and second rounds, and twice in the third, on the All Star card presented by the Virginia A.C. at the Municipal Auditorium in Norfolk.

Pete Shiro, 135, of the C. P. Marines, scored an upset over Bob Taylor, 136 V.A.C., in three rounds. Johnny Biancaniello, 135, C. P. Marines, scored a K.O. in one minute and 15 seconds of the third round, over Virginia State lightweight champion, Bobby Brady, 134, of Hampton B. C. Aaron Watson, 160, won in three over Don Spencer, 160, North Carolina G.G. Champion. Walter Rawels, 118, Virginia State champion, easily decisioned George Vicknair, 116, of the C. P. Marines. Ralph Rule, 118, N.A.S., won in three over Billy Grey, 117, of the V.A.C. via decision.

Bob Hines, 160, decisioned Tricky Holloway, 159, of the N.A.S. team in three.

Clarence Wenger, 145, of the V.A.C., decisioned Johnny Shelton, 147, of the Oceana N.A.S., in the star bout of the Portsmouth Boxing Club's initial presentation at the Portsmouth Armory. . . . Bobby Brady, 134, defeated Bob Taylor, 135, of the V.A.C. in their "Rubber Bout" in three. Al Robbins of Portsmouth, won a third decision over Jackie Jackson of Portsmouth. Skee Batchlor, V.A.C., defeated Chuck LaPearle, Oceana, in three. Ray Shaw, Portsmouth, decisioned Piggy Gallup in three. Jackie Brady, Hampton, decisioned Jimmy Howard, Portsmouth. Harry Sykes, V.A.C., scored the only T.K.O. of the evening in disposing of William Cushman in the first round.

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WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

By Mickey Davies

A SUGGESTION to all fighters who seem to be in the doldrums, and in a fistic "rut" . . . change your monicker. We are kidding, naturally but we would like to tell you a little yarn about a fighter, who, a few short months ago, seemed "tired of it all," and who was on the verge of hanging 'em up . . . the fighter in question is Jesse Underwood, who is now boxing under the nom de plume, Dave Shade. A great reformation came over Underwood, just as soon as the "Irish" was added to his handle . . . right away he started whanging out wins over such boys as Dennis (Pat) Brady, Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, Iggy Vaccari, Frankie Fay, Joey Bolduc, Eduardo Carrasco, Clint Miller, to name a few. . . . Please don't misunderstand . . . we want to make it clear that Jesse never lost a great amount of bouts, but in his last days as "Topper" Underwood, he seemed to lack that certain fire that once was a part of his boxing makeup. Well, at any rate . . . be it Jesse Underwood, or Dave (Sonny) Shade, this lightweight is definitely back in the fold, and will give the best in the business a real tussle.

Billy O'Brien, Irish heavyweight from Fall River, Mass., is now boxing under the guidance of this reporter.

Prospect of the Month—Tommy Edwards, a featherweight from Dunbar, who is a son of the well-known flyweight star of the early 30's, Johnny Edwards.

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THE QUESTION BOX

John Addison, Albany, New York

Q.—Why do boxing writers call a ring the "squared circle"?

A.—Because in the old days of boxing, a square was formed on the turf and into this square the fighters took their fighting stance and around the square, the fans stationed themselves. They circled the square in which the fighters fought. Hence the "Squared Circle."

Martin Ferguson, Montreal, Can.

Q.—In what fight did two referees handle the men in the ring?

A.—The Sullivan-Ryan bout was one. The fighters and their handlers could not agree on a referee. Harry Hill, Charley Bush, Alex Brewster and Jack Hardy were mentioned but neither Bush nor Hill would accept, hence since one side wanted Brewster and the other Hardy, each was chosen and both officiated.

Mannie Harding, Norfolk, Va.

Q.—Who was the first ex-heavyweight champion to announce his retirement after a defeat?

A.—Paddy Ryan, I believe, although he came back to box John L. Sullivan in New York and California later, after having lost the title to John L.

Samuel Greenfield, Boston, Mass.

Q.—When did the neutral corner come into use? Was the Tunney-Dempsey fight at Chicago the cause for the adoption of this rule universally?

A.—The rule was first adopted by the New York State Legislature when it was incorporated in the Walker Law in 1920, but it was adopted by most of the states after the 1926 "Long Count" episode in Chicago. Back in the old bare knuckle days, the revised Marquis of Queensberry Rules, Rule 6, called for a fighter to go to his own corner immediately if he dropped his opponent, but said nothing about a neutral corner. The rule read:

"During a contest if either man has his opponent down, he must go to his own corner and remain there until such time as his opponent is on his legs and the round is resumed."

K. Clarke, Newcastle, N. S. W.

Q.—An argument has arisen as to who, of all the heavyweight champions of the world, scored the most number of knockout victories during the period that each held the title. Could you please answer that for me?

A.—From the fight in which they won the title until losing it or retiring, Joe Louis scored the most kayoes, 22. Tommy Burns is second with 11 and John L. Sullivan and Jim Jeffries are tied for third with 8. All this information can be found in the "1950 Ring Record Book."

JIM JEFFRIES TALKS ABOUT OLD DAYS WITH FLEISCHER

(Continued from page 6)

there wasn't a man I couldn't beat, so confident was I.

"My hand was put into a plaster cast, which I wore for three weeks, and though Delaney had failed to get me the match I most wanted, that with Fitz for the title, I knew that eventually I'd get it. Bob was on the Coast and with my injured hand still bandaged I went to see him.

"'BOB, when are you going to give me a chance at your title?'" Jeffries said he remarked to Fitzsimmons.

"'S'elp me, Jim,' he replied in his cockney English, 'if I ever fight any one again, 'twill be you.'

"But I had my doubts. I knew he was dodging me and I became discouraged and disgusted. But as soon as my injury was healed, I took Delaney's advice and started to prepare myself for such a fight by working out daily at the Reliance Club. A few days after we got back to Oakland, Delaney walked into my room.

"'Jim, I've got a surprise for you,' he said. 'I have received a telegram from Bill Brady in New York saying that if you will quit me and sign for him to have exclusive management over you for two years, he'll guarantee you a match with Fitzsimmons.'

"With that he handed me the telegram. I felt sorry for poor Billy. He looked at me with tears in his eyes, then broke the ice.

"'Take it, Jim. Brady can do more for you than I. He wouldn't have made that kind of a proposition asking you to quit me if he already hadn't signed Fitzsimmons. The jig is up, Jim. You'll have to accept his offer, or lose your chance for the crown.'

"I knew that Delaney was right. Brady was a very shrewd fellow. I knew it meant a severe setback for my pal Delaney to whom I owed all for bringing me up from nowhere to a place of prominence in the boxing world, but it had to be done, no matter how it hurt, and Delaney agreed.

"'Send Brady a wire accepting,' I told Delaney, 'but you're coming East with me. Instead of my manager, you'll continue to train me, Billy,' I concluded.

"BACK East to New York we went and when we arrived, Brady was much displeased to learn that Delaney was to continue with me. He didn't want him. Brady wanted to be free and hire his own trainer," Jeffries went on.

"'What did you bring Delaney along for?' he asked.

"Apparently he hadn't forgotten his differences with Delaney in the Corbett camp, where Billy didn't like the way Brady was ordering the training for Corbett for his fight with Fitz. Corbett and those friendly to him placed the blame for Jim's defeat on Brady who worked his man too hard and overtrained him and Delaney was outspoken along that line. So you can understand the ill feeling between Delaney and Brady, yet here we were all together again for I was helping Corbett train also. I was one of his sparring partners and from him I learned much of my boxing skill.

"'Delaney is only added expense in this camp,' snapped Brady, 'and I won't have it. If you want him, his expenses come out of your purse. I've signed Fitz, and you're going to fight him for the title.'

"We had guessed correctly. Brady would not have sent the telegram had he not had an ace in the hole. But I was just as determined as he.

"'Mr. Brady,' I said, 'Delaney is my man. He's going to train me and his pay comes from the gross receipts whether you like it or not. If you fire him, there'll be no fight.'

"I was determined on that point and Brady knew it. He accepted my ultimatum.

"'All right, Jim,' snapped Brady, 'have it your way and let's get down to business.'

"And so our bout was set for June 9, 1899, at the Coney Island A. C., a contest in which the predictions of Tom O'Rourke and my friend Billy Delaney came true. I won the world title.

"That's the story of how Bill Brady got me away from Delaney and became the manager of his second heavyweight titleholder."

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(In the second of four articles on Jim Jeffries, Nat Fleischer will tell of the valuation Jeff places on proper training, and the cause for the present flop in boxing. Watch for No. 2 in this series, in the August issue of THE RING *Magazine.)*

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LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

PROMOTER MIKE BARRETT presented his first fistic attraction at the Catholic Youth Center amid a Madison Square Garden setting. The crowd however, due to a couple of postponements, was disappointing. Only 1,668 turned out for the ring party. The net was $2,452.25.

Pat Comiskey, tipping the beam at 219, and 31 pounds heavier than his opponent, Art Henri, New York, stopped Henri in 2:47 of the seventh round. A right cross tagged Art on the chin. Henri, his head bobbing, tried to hold on, but big Pat, rolling into high gear, nailed Art with several more rights and lefts to the head and another well-timed right put out the lights for Henri. He crumpled to the floor and there was no need for a count by Referee Manny Gelb.

Up to the time of the knockout, Comiskey was unable to land solidly. Henri was content to bob and weave and hold back, apparently waiting to land a haymaker. In the sixth Art began to move in and started throwing left hooks, one of which drew blood under Pat's left eye. Henri was coming on and really looked good in the seventh until Pat finally lowered the boom.

The most spectacular fight involved Johnny (Cyclone) Williams, 161, and coming from Passaic, N. J., and Eddie Marmo, 166, Paterson, N. J. Williams won on a technical knockout in the third—at 2:18—after both fighters were arm weary from throwing punches. The first round saw furious action as the boys slugged it out in Marmo's corner. In the second, both stood flat-footed and let the leather fly. Williams slowed Marmo and just as the bell rang flattened him with a long right. Marmo got up groggy and staggered to his corner. Marmo came out for the third, began to come on and was slowing up Williams when another long right by Williams made Marmo helpless and the referee stopped the bout.

Billy Palumbo, 136, Fleetville, got a boxing lesson from Ernie Koutnick, 135, of Toronto. Koutnick dropped Palumbo for a nine count in the second round. Koutnick displayed a fine left as he alternately hooked and jabbed brilliantly. Koutnick won a split decision. The referee voted the fight a draw.

In the semifinal Johnny Kaczmierzak, 201, Buffalo, won a unanimous decision over Chuck Jennings, 266, of Corning, N. Y. Jennings, who lost every round, was down in the sixth from a short powerful right. Jennings was in poor condition.

In the final bout Ray Castillo, 127, of New York, won from Manuel Correa, 128, of Mexico City, Castillo took five out of six to grab the decision.

In the opening four Tony Gallis, Dickson City welterweight, came off the floor in the first round to gain the unanimous decision over Johnny Nickolson, Uniondale. Gallis, however, weathered the storm and came on with a neat exhibition to attract the eyes of the officials. Gallis weighed 144, one pound more than Nickolson.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Billy Graham, 146, New York welterweight, gained a split decision over Phil Burton, 143, St. Louis, in a slow 10-rounder. A crowd of 2,561, which contributed to a gate of $5,167, booed the verdict. There were no knockdowns.

Judges Andy Mihal and Marshall Harlan voted for Graham, while Referee Johnny Kelly favored Burton.

In the scheduled six-rounders Sonny Gennel, Scranton, flattened Billy Wright, Philadelphia, in the first round. Matty Flynn, Scranton, defeated Jimmy Russ, Philadelphia. Gene Buffalo, Wilkes-Barre, decisioned Gene Elliot, Philadelphia. Neil Miller, Wilkes-Barre, knocked out Charles Hardy, Philadelphia, in the first round.

Waiting for the Bell—Mike Barrett's ring at CYC is the best in the area. . . . Among those present at the opening biffing bee were Chief Deputy Commissioner Tony Kilgallon, Charley Zack, the retired ring gallant, and Chairman George Jones of State Athletic Commission. . . . Many boxers working out daily at the Scranton Athletic School where one of the best gyms in this end of the state is located. . . . Before this appears in type the Anthracite A. C., under their new promoter, will serve up its first show of the Spring. . . . Promoters' and managers' notes are always welcomed. My address is Ken (Duke) Stigner, Box 47, LaPlume, Pa.

IN RIO DE JANEIRO

By B. O. Jose Olotto

RIO DE JANEIRO—Osvaldo Silva (84) lost to Santos Zacarias. The referee stopped the bout in the seventh round because 84 had too many cuts over his eyes. In the semi-final of the eight rounds, Antonio Goncalves beat Helio Bereira on points. Hermenegildo Ferreira beat Jose Vieira in four rounds. Otavio Silva beat Severino Severo, who was disqualified in the second round.

At Sao Paulo—Vicente dos Santos beat Joan Urlich in ten rounds twice. Brazilian lightweight Kaled Curi beat the Peruvian champion, Pizarro Rodrigues in eight good rounds. Kuri also stopped Antonio Misquita in the fourth.

Osvaldo Silva Moita beat Osvaldo Gouveia in four. Rubens Galosso beat Apocy Giao in four rounds. Geraldo Luiz Kerry won from Joao Felipe in four. Rubens de Sousa, beat Cyrano Pinto on points in four. Sebastiao Hemidio beat Antonio Teixeira in four. Pedro Barozzo T.K.O.'ed Artur Colaco in the first. Assis Tufani beat Osvaldo Silva Pau in four.

Luiz Silva beat Antonio Bem-haja in four. Joaquim Antonio Scalzitti won in four rounds from Manolo Blanco Lucas. Romualdo Balsys won from Cid Jurado in four. Helio Pereira beat Helio Garcia in four. Bento Silva won from Guarany Edu Galo in four. Valdemar Ortab defeated Nadir Vicente Dias in six rounds.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS

By Colin Faulkner

RICHARD "KID" HOWARD, 132¼, Halifax, N. S., maritime lightweight champion, earned in a capable manner a unanimous decision over Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 128¼, Boston, Mass., in the ten-round main bout at the Armouries here.

Robert Gammon, 136¼, Dartmouth, N. S., and Gordon "Gramps" Kiley, 138½, Sydney, C. B., struggled every inch of the way to a draw in the semi-final. James McKenzie, 131¼, Halifax, N. S., outpointed Dexter Connors, 128½, Truro, N. S. Cecil Gray, 180¼, Halifax, N. S., knocked out Ralph Parker, 172¼, Woodside, N. S., in only 20 seconds of the initial canto. From Tacoma, Washington

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THE easy manner in which Art Aragon disposed of Guillermo Giminez at the Los Angeles Olympic, just about establishes the Mexican boxer as California's No. 1 lightweight. For a few seconds it appeared that Giminez was to prove a tartar. The Argentinian came out fighting and tossed a few overhand punches, two of which landed on Aragon's jaw and shook him to his heels. But those few seconds were the only time that Giminez was the leading man in this brief drama.

Irked by the crowd's cheers for Giminez's surprise attack, Aragon opened up with a two-fisted onslaught that soon had the South American staggering backward. Crouching low and bobbing, Giminez made the over-anxious Aragon miss many of his punches, but Art landed enough of them to keep the Argentinian hurt. Guillermo almost went down from a left hook at the bell.

Aragon came out with both barrels in the second and Giminez was soon in a bad way. Knocked partly through the ropes, he was given a short count. Shortly after, he was again belted into the ropes and he stuck his head outside the strands, at which Referee Mushy Callahan counted three on him. Knocked into the ropes for the third time, Giminez collapsed on the apron outside the ring as Callahan raised the local boy's glove. Aragon weighed 136, Giminez 135. A crowd of about 9500 contributed to a gate of $29,130.

(Aragon is a good fighter and his terrific punching makes him a threat to anyone in his division, but it is still a mystery to Los Angeles fans how Giminez ever defeated Maxie Docusen.)

In supporting bouts: Tommy Lee James, 151, decisioned Roy Daniels, 150, in a tame six-round semi; Lonnie Malone, 164, outpointed Rudy Davila, 158, in a four; Ray Acosta, 146, won by T.K.O. over Bob Shilling, 142, in the third, due to an eye cut; Abel Fernandez, 173, defeated Al Hernandez, 163, in a thrilling four-rounder; Oscar Reyes, 147, outpunched Clifton Lester, 147, in four exciting rounds.

A hotly-contested go between Don Lee of Edison, Neb., and Bert Mendoza of Cucamonga (Calif.), at the Ocean Park Arena, was declared over in the 7th round and awarded to Lee by T.K.O. when the club physician ruled that an eye injury suffered by the Cucamonga Kid was too serious for him to continue. It appeared to be a bad break for Mendoza, as he was slightly ahead at the time, but tireless Lee was coming strong and the odds were that he would have moved in front before it was over.

It had been a torrid setto, with Mendoza tossing the most leather, but Don was punching the harder. Each weighed 165.

In other bouts, all four-rounders: Ray Perez, 147, beat Clifton Lester, 150; Lonnie Hudson, 146, decisioned Benny Jordan, 146; Tony Espinoza, 131, laced Mac Gallardo, 134; Rocky Slater, 155, nodded Marcus Juarez, 151; Bob Terrance, 144, outpointed Mel Nelson, 146.

They all look alike to John L. Davis, and when it is certain that he is over-matched—he most always wins. Gene Burton, highly rated welterweight of New York, figured to box Davis' ears off, so—John again upsets the dope. The Oaklander didn't get up full steam until the 5th round, and Burton was in the lead, having garnered two of the heats, with the other two even.

These first four rounds were in-close sessions, in which both dished out a lot of punishment. The rough going slowed the New Yorker up, but it hopped up Davis' motor. John swarmed all over Burton in the 5th and kept up the blistering attack to win the next three rounds. Gene came back to cop the 9th and they battled on even terms in the 10th. Referee Johnny Lotsey tabbed it even, but both judges voted for Davis, who, incidentally, was outweighed nearly ten pounds.

In three supporting bouts: Frankie Brown, 147, decisioned Gene Ronstadt, 149, in a slow six-rounder; Cordell Jones, 156, won by a T.K.O. over Lee Sponsell, 149, in the first round (Yeah, another cut eye). Andy Walker, 190. K.O.'ed Junior Payne, 248, in the sixth.

Although Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 137, Detroit, won over Johnny Forte, 136, Philadelphia, in their bout at the Hollywood Stadium, as was expected, the stocky Italian made a fight of it. Forte won only two rounds, the 4th and 10th, but they were by good margins, in which he staggered Jones with the most effective blows of the fight.

Jones copped six of the heats and he probably hits as hard as the Philadelphia veteran, but Forte is a toughie and Jones' solid clouts didn't appear to faze Johnny. Forte did well when he could get in close, but that was seldom, Jones' southpaw stance making it a problem for the short guy. Harold belted Forte lustily in the 8th and 9th heats.

Other results: Ray Perez, 146, and Lonnie Hudson, 143, fought six exciting heats to a draw; Cliff Barnett, 146, nodded Ramon Acosta, 146, in a four; Manuel Mendoza, 140, whipped Bobby Brewer, 142, in four; Rocky Slater, 159, K.O.'ed Carl Bracken, 155, in the third; Dan Castanon, 144, and Stormy Chambers, 141, drew in four.

The birthday parties honoring the former great champion, Jas. J. Jeffries, are always colorful and important affairs, but this year the annual celebration was more colorful and of more importance than ever before. This because of the presence of Nat Fleischer, who flew out from New York for the occasion.

And at times it appeared that THE RING chief was the one being honored. Particularly so, when Bill Schroeder, Director of Helm's Athletic Foundation, in presenting an award, said "To Nat Fleischer, who has done more for boxing than any man living." And it could be seen on the faces of everyone present that they were in full accord with the distinction given THE RING Editor.

I was happy to be with him at the celebration.

San Jose boxing fans packed their Civic Auditorium to witness the clash between the local pride, Eddie Chavez, and Harold Dade of Los Angeles. After a slow, even first round, Dade got off to a good start in the second, moving in close and pumping short punches to both head and body, then tying Chavez up. Eddie solved Dade's tactics in the third, and becoming riled over Harold's clinching and fouling, Chavez waged a two-fisted attack in the fourth that Dade could neither match nor avoid.

Chavez also had a shade in a hotly contested fifth round, and as the Mexican boy appeared to be getting stronger and more confident, he seemed on his way to victory. But at this point it happened—the old cut eye bugaboo! Chavez had received a gash above his left optic which Referee Eddie James declared was caused by a butt and Eddie was awarded a fifth round T.K.O. win. Chavez weighed 132, Dade 127.

Other results: Nick Smith, 133, Los Angeles, decisioned Jackie Blair, 133, Dallas (6); Pete Martinez, 125, Gonzales, nodded Art Hester (Mr. Boston), 125, Los Angeles; Hamo Kazarian, 137, San Francisco, and Jimmy Hayes, 138, Los Angeles, drew (4).

Looking better than in any of his previous bouts, Rudy Garcia, 128, Los Angeles, belted Rudy Vasquez, 130, Glendale, out of the picture in the fourth round at the South Gate Arena. Garcia was more aggressive than usual and although Vasquez is a rugged individual, he could not withstand Rudy's rushing attack. Vasquez had been floored twice and was bleeding from an eye cut when the bout was stopped in the fourth.

In other bouts: Ernie Lauterio, 126, Los Angeles, stopped Bobby Garza, 122, San Antonio, in the second heat; Ray Perez, 146, beat Clifton Lester, 147, Texas, in a four; Baby Ike, 146, nodded Baby Ray Jones, 145, Philadelphia, in four; Cliff Barnett, 148, Long Beach, whipped Pete Servin, 145, Texas, in four; Dan Castanon, 144, outpointed Roger Trevino, 141.

This program was the annual show staged by the Southern California Boxing Manager's Association.

Waging an aggressive fight and showing little regard for his opponent's vaunted punching powers, Manuel Madrid, 136, Los Angeles Mexican youth, pounded out an easy win over Bolton Ford, 136, Pittsburgh Negro, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Madrid had the upper hand throughout and hurt Ford on several occasions, but lacked the experience to finish his foe.

In supporting bouts: Jimmy Rouse, 177, New York, K.O.'ed Little Joe Charles, 200, in the fourth round; Reuben Salazar, 130, Texas, bested Bobby DiGiovanni, 125, in a four; Marcus Juarez, 153, Texas, outpointed Rocky Slater, 154, in four; Tony Espinoza, 132, whipped Stormy Chambers, 139, in four; Mac Gallardo, 134, and Roger Trevino, 140, fought to a draw.

San Franciscans know their boxing and appreciate a classy exhibition, even when it is at the expense of a local favorite, so, Tommy Yarosz's masterful performance in winning over Dave Whitlock at the Civic Auditorium, was lauded by both fans and press. Yarosz's smooth footwork and fast jabbing stymied Whitlock's plans of attack. Dave crowded Tommy continually and made a fight of it, but the Pennsylvanian was too much of a boxer for the Frisco fighter.

Whitlock cornered the clever Pole several times, which resulted in some exciting exchanges. It was these exchanges that won Yarosz the admiration of the crowd, for, every time Tommy was cornered he slugged it out with Whitlock, instead of covering up or clinching, as most clever, light-hitting boxers are inclined to do. And the surprise was that Yarosz had the better of most of these swap-fests. Each weighed 172.

Eddie Chavez, 132, San Jose flash, punched out a close decision over Harold Dade, 128, Los Angeles, in a companion 10-rounder. Dade was the aggressor and in front at the half-way point. Moving in fast, Harold let loose a volley of short punches before Chavez could get set to meet the attack. The Mexican boy went down during an exchange in the fourth, but was not hurt.

Dade slowed up a bit in the late rounds and Chavez connected with well-timed blows. The Negro boxer hurt Eddie with body blows in the seventh, but Chavez came back to stagger Harold with a right in the eighth. Dade continued to force the milling, but was nailed with solid punches as he came in.

In a third ten-rounder, Bob Dunlap, 176, Alameda, pounded out a decisive win over Dutch Culbertson, 182, Los Angeles. It was a savage go, with Dunlap dishing out most of the punishment. Bob had Culbertson hurt in several rounds, but Dutch would not go down, and each time he seemed about to cave in, he came back punching. Dunlap was credited with five rounds, Culbertson 2, and 3 even.

Mel Modesti, 187, and Junior Payne, 252, went four rounds to a draw in the curtain-raiser. The show, which attracted a gate of $12,852, was staged by Bill Kyne.

Making his first start since his loss to Jackie McCoy, three months previous, Johnny Efhan, 128, Honolulu, K.O.'ed Jock Leslie, 130, Flint (Mich.), in the seventh round of their rematch at the Stockton Auditorium. Their first clash resulted in a draw, but Efhan was much the superior fighter in this setto, winning all the way.

Hurt in the sixth from a left to the stomach and a right to the jaw, Leslie turned away, complaining he had been hit low, but Referee Harry Atwood ordered him to continue. A terrific left hook dropped Leslie in the seventh. Jock made it to one knee at count of nine, but could not regain his feet until after being counted out, and then almost toppled over again.

Other results: Billy Beals, 135, Oakland, decisioned Billy Corona, 135, Sacramento, in six; Eddie Johnson, 137, Oakland, beat Alvin Moore, 132, Richmond, in six; Edgar Jones, 149, Merced, nodded Country Sexton, 153, San Jose, in a four.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Los Angeles Olympic, gathered in a flock of the most promising youngsters in this area and staged a talent card of six-rounders. The show was a whiz for action, but the purpose was hurt when two of the three "comers" were victims of upsets. Chu Chu Jiminez was the only one of the three "baby stars" to come through.

Jiminez, 137, stopped Bob Shilling, 140, in the sixth round of a slug-fest that had the crowd cheering wildly. They battled on even terms for four heats, but a belt to the stomach doubled Shilling up in the fifth, and another one to the chin put the Irish lad down for a nine-count. Jiminez decked Bob again in the sixth and when he arose in a groggy condition, Referee Reg Gilmore waved him out.

Dave Gallardo, 125, pulled the upset of the night in left-jabbing his way to a decision over Ernie Lauterio, 128, regarded as one of the best prospects in the state. Gallardo, a Fancy Dan, gave Lauterio little chance to get set for heavy punching, and tied him up when in close. Dave continually Pep'd Ernie with light jabs and scored often with straight rights.

The other "disaster" was the knockout suffered by Gilbert Cadilli, 121, who was stiffened in the fourth round by Jimmy Dunn, 124. Cadilli, a brilliant boxer, outclassed Dunn in first two rounds, but tired badly in the third, and with the exhaustion he became bewildered and discouraged. Dunn came out slugging in the fourth, forced Cadilli all over the ring and put him down for the count with a right to the jaw.

Tony Smaldino, 127, won a hard fought six-rounder over Manuel Hernandez, 128. First one, then the other was ahead in this exciting setto, but Smaldino cinched the nod when he all but stopped Hernandez in the final seconds of the go.

Fugie Rodriguez, 131, another name to remember, chalked up his fourth pro victory in rocking Pepino Reynaldo, 129, to sleep in the third.

Don Jones, 146, and Aurelio Ramirez, 146, drew in four.

In spite of the fact that local fans had been impressed with the ability of the young boxers on the above card, as well as knowing that the program would be action-packed—only a small crowd turned out for the show. However, the promoters expected this, for, they have lost money on most all of these talent cards.

In the long run it most always pays for the promoter to practice such a policy, as it develops main-eventers in shorter time. And too, it is not good for an arena to "go dark." But the promoters must be sportsmen, as well as business men, to bank on the long run, when such "priming" continually produces "red ink."

So, on behalf of everyone who is interested in the welfare of local boxing—I again toss an orchid to Promoter Cal Eaton and his considerate Matchmaker.

Although not at his best, due to inactivity, Johnny Duke, 160, still had too much on the ball for Milo Savage, 163, in an eight-rounder

at the Hollywood Stadium. Savage, too, was off form, probably due to his being too heavy. Milo punched the harder and twice buckled Duke's knees with overhand rights to the jaw, but failed to follow up. In fact, Savage lacked aggresssiveness throughout.

Duke scored repeatedly with left jabs and easily avoided most of Savage's efforts. Johnny was credited with five of the rounds, Milo only 1, with two heats even.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Jackie Blair, 130, Dallas, was declared winner over Al Cota, 135, Tijuana, at the end of the seventh, due to Cota sustaining cuts over both eyes. It was a bed break for the Border boxer, as he was ahead on points. Blair was guilty of hitting low several times.

In the prelims: Sammy Figueroa, 136, defeated Joel (Joe) Fisher, 139, Pueblo, in six; Ramon Acosta, 146, disposed of Lou Faucette, 145, in two heats; Don Jones, 146, drew with Lonnie Walker, 145, in four; Kanaru Zavala, 142, and Jimmy Hayes, 138, also fought a draw.

Judging by the slow fights that several of our heavies are putting on these days, spring fever must affect the big fellows most. Because he did most of what fighting was done, Frank Buford, 193, Oakland, was awarded the win over Bob Dunlap, 176, Alameda, in a 10-rounder at the Saeramento Auditorium. Both started slowly, but later, Buford took the offensive and scored often with rights to the head.

In three supporting bouts: Pedro Jiminez and Bob Ward fought six rounds to a draw; Billy Gibson decisioned Billy Corona in six; Carlos Martinez drew with Eddie Grant in four.

A feature of this show was that it was an "Old Timer's Night" and about thirty former boxers of this area were in attendance. Among the better known ex-pugs were Tom Sharkey, Bob Roper, Newsboy Millich, Calif. Joe Lynch, Johnny Erjavic, Billy Hunefeld, Jack Downey and Johnny Lotsey.

The ringsiders at the Ocean Park Arena got some more ducking practice when Rocky Lucero, 133, San Francisco, and Frank Muche, 136, Niles (Ohio), again started in where they left off a few weeks before. For five rounds the sluggers put on the Donnybrook that was expected, with Lucero having a bit the best of it. Then—well, you know what happened, don't you? Muche suffered an eye cut from an accidental butt and the brawl was stopped. It goes into the records as a technical draw in the sixth.

In other bouts: Baby Ike, 144, decisioned Clifton Lester, 149, in a four; Bobby DiGiovanni, 124, drew with Bob Satchel, 126, in four; Ramon Acosta, 146, stopped Lou Faucette, 147, in two; Tello Cruz, 139, disposed of Luciano Cedilla, 144, in the third; Mac Gallardo, 136, and Roger Trevino, 135, drew in four.

In a 12-rounder at the San Jose Auditorium, advertised as for the vacant state lightweight title (Hey, Aragon, Davis, Bolanos, Campbell, look what it says here!) Rudy Cruz won handily over Tote Martinez. (And neither boxer made the weight.) Cruz, one of the slickest performers on the Coast, gave Martinez a boxing lesson in seven of the rounds, and kept things even in three others.

Martinez never stopped trying, but even when he avoided Rudy's tantalizing left, Tote still found it difficult to penetrate Cruz's defense. Martinez's aggressiveness kept most of the heats close, however, and his dogged determination earned him two rounds, the 11th and 12th. Cruz weighed 136, Martinez 137.

In supporting bouts: Oscar Price, 134, decisioned Mike Martinez, 132, in six; Felix Coleman, 127, and Hamo Kazarian, 131, went six rounds to a draw; Ruben Arona, 136, beat Johnny Lopez, 136, in four.

Backpedaling most of the time and making only brief spurts, Hugh Sublett, 141, Detroit Negro, was weak opposition for Rafael Gutierrez, 144, of Mexico, in a scheduled ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Sublett landed a couple of solid rights in the fifth that shook Gutierrez up, but that was all the damage he did do, and that was not enough to win the round.

Gutierrez sank a left into the Detroiter's stomach in the sixth that gave Hugh the miseries. Sublett retreated, but Rafael cornered him and poured it on with both fists. Sublett, unable to defend himself, was about to cave in and Referee Joe Stone called it over. Gutierrez won every round.

In the semi, Tony Smaldino, 127, stopped Manuel Hernandez, 126, in the second round. Hernandez was dropped for an eight-count with a right to the chin. He was still groggy when he arose and Smaldino was punishing him severely when it was halted.

In the prelims: Roy Daniels, 152, decisioned Art Brown, 158 (4); Oscar Reyes, 145, whipped Bob Terrance, 144 (4); Rocky Slater, 155, and Frankie Fuller, 151, ended in a draw (4); Don Jones, 145, nodded Aurelio Ramirez, 145 (4).

If boxing doesn't pick up in California before the year is over, it will not be for lack of promising youngsters coming up. At the present time there are more good "prospects" in the game out here than there has been for years. Among those who have the ability to make the grade are:—

Rudy Garcia, Baby Leroy, Abel Fernandez, Ernie Lauterio, James Mitchell, Oscar Reyes, Jimmy Hayes, Mel Modesti, Manuel Madrid, Al Golindo, Eddie Johnson, Dave Gallardo, Fugie Rodriguez, Johnny Ortega, Chu Chu Jiminez, Gilbert Cadilli, Don Jensen, Junius Washington, Tony Smaldino, Pete Martinez, Sammy Figueroa, Johnny Efhan, Frankie Sequeria, Gil Chavez and Joe Lopez. And I repeat—these among others.

But here is the rub. There will be few of these boys still regarded as "prospects" by the end of the year. And mostly because of poor handling. Our present-day fighters do not measure up to many of those of other days, but they are still much better fighters than the managers are managers.

At the end of the sixth round, Art Soto, 151, Oakland, was leading over Earl Turner, 158, Richmond, in their clash at the Oakland Auditorium, but had the contest gone the full ten rounds, Turner might have emerged the winner. Turner had the Oaklander hurt in the seventh and was coming on strong in the eighth, when it happened. Yes, a cut over Turner's left eye, which caused the bout to be halted and awarded to Soto on a T.K.O.

In three supporting bouts, Emil Barao, 136, Hayward, decisioned Tello Cruz, 139, Los Angeles, in eight rounds; Grover Jackson, 160, drew with Cordell Jones, 158, in six; Billy Beals, 135, bested Alvin Moore, 133, in four.

Roaring back after two knockdowns in the third heat, Sal Flores, 159, Anaheim, stopped Billy Zaduck, 152, Canada, in the fifth round of one of two scheduled eight-rounders at the Hollywood Stadium. Flores went down twice from lefts to the stomach and he was a sick hombre at the end of the third, but he came out in the fourth angrily determined, and rushed Zaduck all over the ring.

Flores missed most of his wild swings, but landed often enough to make Zaduck run and grab. The Canadian was thoroughly exhausted and bleeding when his seconds tossed in the towel in the fifth.

In the companion eight-rounder, Bruce Richardson, 153, Canada, disposed of J. J. Cracknell, 153, in the third. They fought on even terms for two rounds. Richardson nailed Cracknell with an overhand right in the third that dazed J.J., and a moment later, two more hard rights had him groggy and defenseless, at which point Referee Jimmy Wilson raised Richardson's hand.

In the prelims: Dan Nardico, 173, K.O.'ed Joe Cardenas, 165, in the fifth, twice flooring him with hard rights to the jaw; Johnny Fisher, 135, and Tiger Snyder, 138, had their bout halted in the opening round and declared a draw because of an eye cut; Rudy Romero, 157, beat Morrie McFarland, 160, in a four; Stormy Chambers, 134, stopped Johnny Vega, 138, in the fourth.

Getting inside of his foe's boarding-house reach, Manuel Madrid, 138, made a punching-bag out of Hugh Sublett, 139, Detroit Negro, in a one-sided affair at the Ocean Park Arena. Madrid had won every round and was punching Sublett limp when Referee Frankie Van called it quits in the eighth.

In other bouts, all four-rounders: Jimmy Howard, 205, and Jimmy Rouse, 180, fought to a draw; Morrie McFarland, 159, decisioned Rudy Romero, 157; Bob Terrance, 146, nodded Pete Servin, 148; Bobby Brewer, 143, shaded Stormy Chambers, 139; Dan Castanon, 143, won over Roger Trevino, 143.

In the feature six-rounder of another talent card at the Los Angeles Olympic, Chu Chu Jiminez, 133, fighting tenor of Mexico, added Rocky Lucero, 134, San Francisco, to his fast growing string of victims. Chu Chu had too much on the ball for the wild-swinging Italian. Lucero got over a few round-house rights in the third and fourth heats, but Jiminez came back to give the Frisco mauler a pasting in the final two rounds.

Dave Gallardo, 126, handed Art Hester (Mr. Boston), 125, a boxing lesson in six rounds. Gallardo kept a left in Hester's face throughout, then shook him up with sharp rights to the jaw in the late minutes of the bout.

Baby Ike (Johnon), 146, defeated Baby Ray Jones, 143, Philadelphia speedster, in a hotly-contested six-rounder. Ike tossed leather freely, with his pitches carrying the most authority.

Abel Fernandez, 174, Los Angeles' Golden Gloves champ—and one of the best prospects in this area—repeated his win over Al Hernandez, 165, in a four-rounder, this time more handily, having Hernandez on the deck.

Oscar Reyes, 148, another of Los Angeles' most promising youngsters, chalked up his fourth pro win by stopping Mel Nelson, 146, in three.

Gil Chavez, 144, drew with Bob Terrance, 144, in a four.

The third time proved the charm for Jay Caldwell, 164, Bell Gardens, Calif., in his feud with Don Lee, 162, Edison, Neb., at the Hollywood Stadium. Caldwell had learned something in losing twice to Lee, for, in this clash Jay elected to box, using his reach for straight punching, and he won by a big margin, whereas his losses to Lee were close, and due to his trying to outslug the durable Nebraskan.

Caldwell had Lee swinging wildly and he repeatedly jabbed Don with stiff lefts. Jay also caught Lee with solid rights as the Nebraskan came charging in. Caldwell was credited with eight of the ten rounds.

Other results: Frank Dominguez, 139, defeated Joel Fisher, 136, Denver, in a six-round semi; Abel Fernandez, 175, iced Joe Cardenas, 168, San Bernardino, in the first round; Oscar Reyes, 149, stopped Billy Louderman, 152, Texas, in the third; Gil Chavez, 144, beat Charlie Sawyer, 143, in four.

What the residents of Eureka first thought was an earthquake, only proved to be their 230-pound pride, Georges Parmentier, being smacked down by Jimmy Rouse, 181, New York Negro, in the opening round of their five-rounder at the Eureka Auditorium. But that wasn't the end of their heavyweight. The big fellow climbed off the floor at count of nine, and evened the score in the second heat by dumping Rouse.

Parmentier forced the milling in the remaining three rounds, but the seasoned Rouse made the huge Frenchman miss most of his blows and the go was declared a draw.

In other bouts: Jimmy Smith decisioned Art Lopez, five; Willie Gensaw beat Young Carlos, four; Bob Osborne nodded Country Sexton, four; Carroll Gensaw and Ray Ramirez drew, four; Bucky Miller K.O.'ed Gene McLaughlin, two.

Another good fight came to a halt before it had hardly started, when the tilt between Chu Chu Jiminez, 134, handsome youngster from Mexico, and Chivero Chavez, 135, El Paso, was called off in the middle of the opening round when Jiminez suffered a cut over his left eye. Chu Chu was ahead at the time, having floored Chavez for an eight-count with a right to the jaw, and the referee ruled that the injury had been caused by a butt, which would have given Jiminez the win if it had happened in the next round, but such an ending in the first round automatically becomes a draw.

This bout, at the Los Angeles Olympic, was the feature six-rounder of six contests between some of the better preliminary boxers.

In remaining bouts: Dave Gallardo, 126, decisioned Tony Smaldino, 127, in six; Jimmy Dunn, 124, outpointed Bobby Garza, 124, San Antonio, in six; Tony Espinoza, 129, won over Javier Gutierrez, 124, San Jose, in a four; Al Golindo, 130, nodded Reuben Salazar, 131, Texas, in four; Pete Servin, 150, Texas, decisioned Cliff Barnett, 148, Long Beach, in four.

Most of these eye cuts could be eliminated if those men who should be the most interested would spend the time and money necessary to do the job. On several occasions this writer has suggested probable solutions to this jinx to boxing, which has been one of the reasons for so many of the fans souring on the sport. And other writers—Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee, for one—have offered solutions to the problem.

But neither the glove manufacturers, the Boxing Commissioners, or the promoters seem to be much interested. Only in the boxing game would such a hazard to a business be so ignored.

There were the usual weekly fights at San Diego during the month, but the promoter down there is too busy to send them in. However, for the records and those who might be interested, here are three of the San Diego results, as carried by the press:

Irish Bob Murphy, 169, stopped Frank Angustain, 165, in the fourth; Clarence Henry, 188, K.O.'ed Al Spaulding, 198, in the first round; Irvin Steen, 150, decisioned Art Soto, 153, in twelve rounds.

If you do not receive an answer to your letters during the next month or two, please excuse it, as your tired, nervous and bewildered correspondent has gone fishing. But for future reference, the milk will still be left at 1231 N. June Street, Hollywood 38, Calif.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By Al Greenberg

WILF DESJARDIN, Winnipeg's Western Canada lightweight champ returned home for a short vacation. Wilf had been campaigning in the Pacific Northwest, with much success.

Jack Fox was granted a license to promote boxing in Vancouver, B. C. The other promoter there is Al Principi. Another promoter, Jack Berry of Edmonton, was also having company when Tom Cleary was given a license to promote by the Edmonton commission.

There are very strong rumors making the rounds that pro boxing will be revived in Winnipeg. Winnipeg is as ripe for the pro game now as it will ever be. All that is needed is an ambitious, hustling promoter.

All unattached pro boxers seeking action contact this writer at 207 Polson Ave., Winnipeg, Canada.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

ABE J. GREENE and his colleagues in the National Boxing Association are to be commended for their efforts to compel champions to defend their titles at least once every six months, and against outstanding challengers. But, conditions being what they are, there is little likelihood of enforcement.

In unity there is strength. And just so long as the powerful New York State Athletic Commission refuses to enter into a working agreement with the N.B.A., boxing in the United States will continue to operate with too many loose ends flapping in the atmosphere.

We could absorb a real lesson from the British Boxing Board of Control and its affiliated European Boxing Union, a smooth-functioning organization that, with the one exception of Western Germany, embraces every nation on the continent outside the Iron Curtain—France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Austria and Greece. A recent visitor in our midst, J. Onslow Fane, is both chairman of the British board and president of the European federation.

One rule strictly enforced over yonder is that champions must defend their laurels within certain specified time limits—normally six months—and against their No. 1 rivals. If physically fit, they either fight or automatically forfeit their titles.

The champions are not allowed to pick their opponents. They must accommodate the candidates nominated by the ruling powers. It is immaterial where the fights are held, and any legitimate promoter is permitted to bid for them.

To be considered eligible for a European title match, a fighter must be champion of his own land.

TO avoid possible protests of native favoritism by visiting delegations, the E.B.U. makes a practice of assigning "outside" referees in championship bouts staged on the continent. For instance, if a Frenchman is paired with a Belgian in Brussels, the third man may be an Italian, a Swiss or an Englishman.

Another rule rigidly enforced has done much to eliminate mismatches in international competition. Fighters are classified in three groups—Series 1, Series 2 and Series 3—and must be paired accordingly. This has reduced to a minimum the chances of a promoter building up local attractions at the expense of inferior opposition brought in from other countries. Let us say, for example, that Jack Solomons is lining up a card for London. He is looking for opponents for two leading Britishers. He checks on continental fighters, and decides on a pair of Frenchmen. They cannot belong in Series 2 or 3—the French board will not give its official approval. They must be in Series 1, the same class as their British rivals.

We Americans have long prided ourselves on our vision and enterprise in blazing new trails and improving old ones, but so far as a sensible system for supervising boxing is concerned, we could take a lesson or two from our European cousins.

BY the time this appears in print, we should know the status, if any, of Jake LaMotta's middleweight title affair, listed for June 14 in the Yankee Stadium.

A possible hitch in the promotion may develop if the International Boxing Club fails to straighten out its latest wrangle with the Boxing Managers' Guild over the split in television revenue. The present agreement expires May 31, and a new and more satisfactory one to the Guild will have to be made before the I.B.C. can continue its promotional operations.

As this is being written, LaMotta's opponent has not been decided upon, but the odds appear to favor Rocky Graziano as the nominee, with Laurent Dauthuille as second choice.

If the N.B.A. and the New York board were working together, LaMotta would be compelled to meet Ray Robinson, generally accepted as his No. 1 challenger.

Robinson, meanwhile, is booked for a June 5 date with Robert Villemain in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium.

In lending his colorful personality to the ballyhoo for the Robinson-Villemain affair, John DaGrosa, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, has been getting himself quoted liberally in the daily press on the subject of the middleweight situation. Mr. DaGrosa, affectionately known to his public as "Ox," a carryover from his football days, has said that if LaMotta meets Graziano, Dauthuille, or any 160-pounder other than Robinson or Villemain, the title should be declared vacant and the winner of the Philadelphia promotion recognized as the new champion.

Mr. DaGrosa definitely cannot "see" Dauthuille as a legitimate challenger, but he considers Villemain one on the basis of the non-title win Robert registered over LaMotta in Madison Square Garden.

We trust Mr. DaGrosa won't resent our perking him up a bit on the records. Dauthuille also has beaten LaMotta. He did it in a ten-rounder in Montreal on February 21, 1949.

WHILE much ado was being made of Jim Jeffries' 75th birthday party out in Burbank, Calif., recently, another old-timer, over in Jersey City, was celebrating the 76th anniversary of his arrival on this restless globe. Since his health hasn't been of the best lately, Charley Roden, one of the nation's top bantams back in the Gay 90's, limited his guests to relatives and intimate friends.

Charley (Broadway) Rose weighs in with the announcement that he is bringing Turkey Thompson on from California, and would not be at all averse to dates with Roland LaStarza, Rocky Marciano, Charley Norkus, Cesar Brion and any of the other heavies currently campaigning hereabouts. Thompson is not a stranger to the New York clientele. He was here once before, back in 1944, but his visit was a brief one. In his only outing, he dropped a decision to Lee Q. Murray in the Garden.

Another heavyweight visitor expected here shortly, this one with an international touch, is Australia's Alf Gallagher, who has been campaigning in Europe for the last year.

Promoter Goldie Ahearn of Washington apparently believes in getting wholeheartedly into the prevailing spirit of things. Which accounts for the recent affair between those two former lightweight champions, the ancient Beau Jack and the even more ancient Lew Jenkins. With the nation's capital readying itself to celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding, Ahearn decided to move into the scene by contributing a couple of historic relics.

HONOLULU promoters may be interested in this suggestion: Why not a "Pacific area" flyweight elimination between Dado Marino and the sensational Siamese, Chai Sitphol, who recently stopped the Australian champion, Mickey Hill? The winner of a Marino-Sitphol scrap would have a strong bid to offer for a crack at Terry Allen and the world title.

If his voice holds out—and it seems to be built for endurance as well as volume—Jack (Stillman's Gym) Curley is likely to

howl his St. Louis welterweight, Phil Burton, into a healthy payday somewhere. Since Burton lost a disputed decision to Billy Graham in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—and Curley has all sorts of newspaper clippings to prove he and Burton "wuz robbed"—Jack's bellowings have been blasting out the eardrums of all and sundry within a radius of six city blocks.

Madison Square Garden is planning to continue its boxing activities right through the summer, but shifting its night from Friday to Wednesday.

With the Queensboro Arena out of business, Sunnyside Garden may decide to keep going through the warmer months. There also is a likelihood that Dexter Park will make another effort to put boxing on a paying basis.

WE don't imagine Heinie Miller and his colleagues on the District of Columbia Athletic Commission are giving many hip-hip-hoorays for the television dates the I.B.C. has been shifting to Washington when neither the Garden nor the St. Nick Arena is available for boxing. The recent Charley Salas-Leon Daugherty affair, for instance, cost the Commission money. The show drew a net gate of $234, and since the referees, judges and other officials are paid out of the Commission's tax on receipts, Miller and his pals had to dig into their treasury to take care of the help. Which prompts the thought—why isn't television revenue subject to the same taxes as box-office returns? After all, both are receipts for the same program, and since TV has cut considerably into boxing's window sales, it should contribute to the gate figures in the final count.

RECOVERED from his recent illness, Nat (Jolly) Rogers is back on the boxing beat, and looking for a club or some fighters to handle.

A hot "natural" brewing for an outdoor shot in Toronto this summer is a meeting of the two locals, Arthur King and Solly Cantor, for the British Empire lightweight title, held by King. The scrap figures to set new records for attendance and receipts for Toronto boxing. . . . Incidentally, an odd twist in Cantor's career is that Solly, though a native of Toronto, has never boxed there professionally. When he graduated from the amateurs four years ago, he came on to Bill Daly and Tex Pelte in New York, and all his fighting since then has been in the United States and the British Isles.

Hartford, Conn., seems to be a jinx spot for Chick (Hercules) Wergeles. In successive weeks recently, three of Chick's entries were unexpectedly beaten there, Beau Jack by Joey Carkido, Sonny Boy West by Georgie Dunn, and Tommy Bell by Henry Jordan.

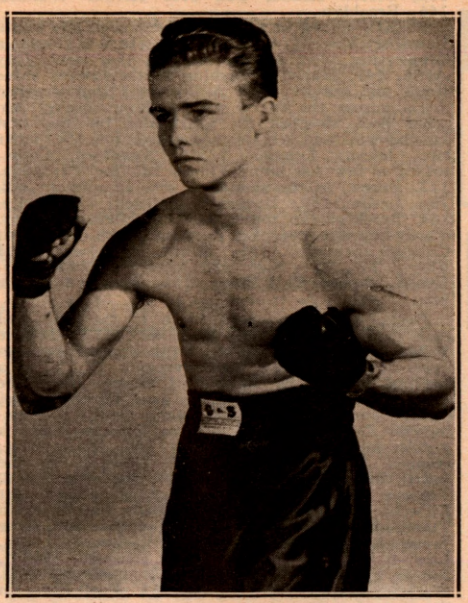
Buddy Baer, younger and larger brother of Madcap Max, has headed for Italy, where he'll play the role of Ursus, the giant Christian slave, in the filming of "Quo Vadis."

The month's results:

With pronounced advantages in height, reach and weight, Charley Titone, 124½, Brooklyn, was too big and strong for Leo LeBrun, 118½, transplanted Montrealer, now operating out of the Bronx, and finished well in front of a speedy eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Surviving a rough first round, Al Dyckman, 159¾, Bronx, tossed a shock into the clients by scoring three knockdowns and stopping favored Angelo Luongo, 157, Greenwich Village, in the second of the semi-final. In an all-Caribbean six, Filberto Osario, 124½, Puerto Rico, won over Ray Castillo, 129, Cuba. In fours, Joey Lupo, 141, Lodi, N. J., drew with George Burrows, 140, White Plains; Gordon Hunt, 156, Cleveland, outpointed Jimmy Burgos, 156, Puerto Rico, and Phil Rizzo, 151¾, Brooklyn, decisioned Joey Scala, 151, West Side.

In posting his 17th straight win, young Roger Donaghue, 152½, Yonkers, had to hustle all the way to beat Eddie Edwards, 152, Irvington, N. J., in a fast-punching eight at the White Plains Community Center. A knockdown for nine in the fourth helped cinch the decision for Donaghue. Promising Frankie Lentine, 149, Youngstown, O., edged out switch-hitting, clownish Frank Navedo, 149½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. In another six, the visiting Arabian, Abdou Ali, registered his third win in local rings by whipping Vince Murray, 135, Hempstead. In fours, Norman Paterson, 139, Paterson, won over Robert Gainville, 140½, Harlem; Henry Brown, 149¾, Chester, Pa., decisioned Charley Parker, 150¾, Bronx, and Carmine Schiaffo, 136¾, Bronx, kayoed Benito Pazello, 141, Jersey City, in the second.

Though he chased his opponent from the start, and had height, reach and weight in his favor, 19-year-old Georgie Kaplan, 194½, Brooklyn, couldn't catch back-pedaling Jimmy Walls, 181, Englewood, N. J., until the fifth round at the Broadway Arena. Once he did catch him, however, Kaplan finished the job in fine style. Referee Abe Simon called a halt when Walls hit the canvas for the third time. It was Kaplan's first start after a four-months' layoff. Bruno Lijoi, 136¾, Brooklyn, decisioned Pete Tropia, 136½, Bronx, in the semi-final six. George Sanchez, 124, Cuba, stopped Joe Laniagua, 120½, East Side, in the first of a scheduled six. In fours, Jimmy Dillon, 149, Norwood, Colo., won over Phil Rizzo, 152, Brooklyn; Reggie Allotti, 147¾, East Side, whipped George Henry, 147, Harlem, and Artie Wallace, 162, Brooklyn, halted Chester Zamorski, 157¼, Manville, N. J., in the first.



Unbeaten 19-year-old Roger Donaghue, of Yonkers, ran his winning streak to 18 straight by knocking out Tony Viserto at the Ridgewood Grove.

His edge in aggressiveness gave Joey Scarlota, 134, Bronx, a split verdict over Freddie Smith, 135, Harlem, in an earnestly-fought but not too exciting six at Sunnyside Garden. In a scheduled six, Lonnie Clark, 222, Philadelphia, proved too big and durable for Clyde Williams, 191, Huntington, W. Va., and stopped him at the end of the fourth. Bill Heazel, 135, Harlem, copped the award over Joe Torrens, 135, Puerto Rico, in another six. In a trio of fours, Luciano Gorno, 147, Italy, was the winner over Bob Murchison, 145, Long Island City; John Hickson, 156, Bronx, had the better of John St. Johns, 156, Brooklyn, and Angel Garcia, 123, whipped a fellow-Brooklynite, Frank Peprik, 126.

His knockout streak checked at eight straight, Artie Diamond, 156½, Middle Village, showed he could win without belting 'em over by whipping the more experienced Tommy Englehardt, 155½, Astoria, in a busy eight at the Ridgewood Grove. The aggressor all the way, and concentrating on his opponent's body, Diamond gave Englehardt a rugged going-over. Joe Murray, 145½, Jamaica, outfumbled Jay White, 140, Jersey City, in the semi-final six. Cuba won over Puerto Rico in a West Indian six, Lou Castillo, 126, decisioning Jesus Compos, 126. In fours, Ruby Burns, 124½, Brooklyn, whipped Willie Davis, 120, Harlem; Ovidio Ochoa, 130½, Cuba, beat Manuel Baptista, 126½, New Bedford, Mass.; Tony Allegro, 135, Bronx, kayoed Stanley Hilliard, 139¼, Passaic, N. J., in the third, and Julie Colon, 123½, Brooklyn, stopped Albert Nocha, 118½, East Side, in the second.

By squeezing out a disputed decision in a slow, uneventful eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena, Rosario (Sonny) Parisi, 188½, Brooklyn, moved into a 2-1 lead in his series with Keene Simmons, 198, Bayonne, N. J. It wasn't much of a fight, but Simmons seemed entitled to what edge there was. Likely-looking Vince D'Andrea, 150¾, East Side, punched out a verdict over Paul Hawks, 151½, Beacon, N. Y., in the semi-final six. Johnny Marino, 139, Brooklyn, stopped Johnny Meza, 140, Bronx, in the fifth of another scheduled six. In fours, Louis Ortiz, 138, Valley Stream, copped the award over Jimmy Dockery, 137½, Brooklyn; Paul Rudd, 168½, Bronx, halted James Gadson, 170, Brooklyn, in the final frame, and Johnny Carr, 125, Brooklyn, finished Benny Smith, 130½, Bronx, in the second.

With Jimmy Flood, 160½, Yorkville, in futile pursuit, Germain Caboche, 159¼, France, scampered backward for eight rounds at White Plains Community Center without suffering anything more serious than a lost decision. Willie Leake, 175½, Yonkers, bounced Charley Dawson, 175, Bronx, off the canvas half a dozen times before the affair was halted in the fifth of the semi-final. Marcel Brisebois, 145¼, Montreal, was too aggressive and rough for Carlin Scott, 144½, Bronx, in six. Gene Smith, 159, Staten Island, flattened Tommy Cunniff, 160½, Inwood, with a solid left hook in 1:54 of the first. In fours, Jimmy Monahan, 138¼, Bronx, was too shifty for Billy Renard, 141½, Hartford, Conn., and Tommy Coleman, 132½, West Side, showed good form in grabbing the verdict over Julie Colon, 132½, Brooklyn.

With a 5½-pound pull in the weights—a large item among little fellows—Luis Galvani, 123½, Cuba, proved too strong for Gaetano Annaloro, 118, Tunis, at the St. Nick Arena, and posted a kayo in the third. Annaloro was shaping up well until, near the end of the second, he suddenly ran into a left hook and a whizzing right that sent him sprawling, the bell clanging as the count reached seven. The Tunisian was still wobbly when he came out for the third, and Galvani finished him in 1:14. Galvani's win gave the Cuban visitors their lone victory against one draw and two defeats for the night. The stalemate was registered by Ovidio Ochoa, 131¼, in a four with Johnny Lemons, 127¼, Stamford, Conn. Cuban losers were Kid Charalota, 147½, flattened by Bobby Rosado, 144½, Puerto Rico, in the second of the semi-final, and George Sanchez, 123½, outpointed by Leslie Peteway, 124, Philadelphia, in six. In other numbers, Phil Morizio, 132½, Yorkville, whipped Johnny Moran, 136, Bronx, in six, and Tony Allegro, 134½, Bronx, stopped Schazam Williams, 135½, Jamaica, in the third.

The reformed Brooklynite, Joe Giardella, 155, who now bills himself out of Philadelphia, returned to the old home town for another showing at the Broadway Arena, but the young man was in a hurry and the glimpse the folks got of him was brief. In the space of two minutes, 43 seconds of one round, Giardella twice dumped Tommy Varsos, 154, Milwaukee, the first time for nine and the second time for keeps. Angelo Luongo, 155½, Greenwich Village, won over the clownish Frank Navedo, 150½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. In other bouts, Ray Kelly, 165, Brooklyn, kayoed Clarence Goldsby, 159, Chester, Pa., in the fourth; Luis Ortiz, 141½, Puerto Rico, decisioned Jimmy Dockerty, 137½, Brooklyn, in four; Bill Godfrey, 167, Atlanta, Ga., won over Felix Mastro, 160, Bronx, in four, and Ike Welcome, 187½, Washington Heights, in the third.

Forcing what action there was, but handicapped by his opponent's holding and running tactics, Claude Hammond, 147, West New York, N. J., was returned the winner over Hy Melzer, 146¼, East Side, in a not too exciting eight at Sunnyside Garden. In the semi-final six, Lee Baldwin, 173¼, Freeport, decisioned Hal Sampson, 168¾, Cliffside Park, N. J. In supporting numbers, Tommy McGowan, 146½, Brooklyn, won over Bill Bruce, 152, Philadelphia, in six; Frank Flores, 140, East Side, copped the award over Robert Gainville, 139½, Harlem, in four; Carmine Schiaffo, 138, Bronx, stopped Johnny Mulrooney, 140½, Long Island City, in the third, and Phil Rizzo, 148, Brooklyn, needed only part of one round to dispose of Bill Farley, 146¾, Bronx.

A hot "natural" between two of the better young developments hereabouts—Johnny Saxton, 145, Brooklyn, and Joe Miceli, 142¾, East Side—accounted for the St. Nick Arena's top figures for the 1949-50 indoor season. Attendance 3,263; gate $9,038. Miceli hopped off to a big early lead, but faded in the closing stanzas, and Saxton came on with a rush to score two knockdowns in the seventh, another in the tenth, and edge out a split decision. Billy Murphy, 135¼, Brooklyn, shaded Andy Viserto, 141, Bronx, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Hurley Sanders, 157, Newark, won over Al Dyckman, 159½, Bronx, and Coley Wallace, 197, Harlem, kayoed Eddie Brown, 211, Chicago, in the fifth. In fours, Gene Robenett, 128¼, a newcomer from France, decisioned Ruby Burns, 126½, East Side, and Jimmy DeLange, 201½, East Side, polished off Cecil Rowland, 183, Harlem, in the second.

Winner in a dozen previous pro starts, young Rocky Compitello, 156¼, Brooklyn, met up with disaster at the Ridgewood Grove when he shot for No. 13. The more experienced Jimmy Herring, 159¼, Ozone Park, didn't give Compitello a chance to get going. Jimmy came out fast, jolted Rocky with practically the first punch, then blazed away with both hands until the Brooklynite collapsed. With Joe Boogich, 159½, Brooklyn, too tired to fight back, the semi-final was halted in the fifth and Bobby Morgan, 157½, Elmhurst, declared winner. Other kayos were posted by Tony Gandolfo, 157, Brooklyn, who halted Lenny Holton, 151½, St. Louis, in the third, and Riggie Alotti, 147, East Side, who did likewise to George Henry, 147½, Harlem. In fours, Jimmy Dillon, 144, decisioned a rival Brooklynite, Gene Japngie, 138¾; Tommy May, 128¼, East Side, won over Julie Garcia, 131, Brooklyn, and Angel Garcia, 128¾, Brooklyn, drew with Frank Petrik, 126¾, Bronx.

Promoted to main-event status in his ninth pro bout, Vinnie D'Andrea, 148½, East Side, celebrated the occasion by punching out a decision over Johnny Darby, 147¾, Paterson, N. J., in a lively six at the Eastern Parkway Arena. In the semi-final, also listed for six, busy Pat Marcune, 127¼, Coney Island, flattened Tim Healey, 130½, Brooklyn, with a left hook in 55 seconds of the third. It was Marcune's eleventh bout in the first four months of 1950. In two other sixes, Tommy Monty, Brooklyn, decisioned a borough rival, Julie Colon, 132¾, and Ray Bryan, 157¾, another Brooklynite, outslugged Randel Powell, 161, Bronx. In fours, Sammy Brown, 164, Washington Heights, was the winner over Gordon Hunt, 159, Cleveland, O., and Johnny Giaco, 124½, Brooklyn, drew with Max Osario, 125¾, Puerto Rico.

The veteran Aldo Minelli, 150¼, Italy, packed a bit too much experience for Tommy Bazzano, 148½, Middletown, Conn., and edged his way to

the decision in a scrambling eight at the White Plains Community Center. Bruno Lijoi, 135½, Brooklyn, was too industrious for Don Hart, 141, Syracuse, and won handily in the semi-final six. Floored in the first, Emmy Tucci, 135¼, Philadelphia, came back to out-hustle Nazzarano Vitale, 138½, New Haven, in another six. In fours, Sid Edwards, 160¼, Newark, grabbed the verdict over Tommy Williams, 160½, Yonkers; Bobby Gainville, 139, Bronx, drew with Jimmy Schiaffo, 140, Bronx, and Johnny Fisher, 161, Brooklyn, spread Billy Godfrey, 156½, Greenville, S. C., on the canvas in the third.

A systematic routine that featured rights to the body and left hooks to the head produced a decisive victory for Walter Cartier, 159, Greenwich Village, over Otis Graham, 156¾, Philadelphia, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. Another Philadelphian lost in the semi-final eight, Eddie Martin, 126, dropping the decision to Leo LeBrun, 123, Bronx, but the invading troupe pulled out with one win for the night when Joe Trofe, 152½, stopped Luis Ortiz Escuter, 146, Puerto Rico, in the fifth of a scheduled six. In other prelims, Tony Johnson, 174, East Side, outpointed Freddie Greenfield, 173¾, Garfield, N. J., in four; Norman Thompson, 140, Paterson, kayoed a Jersey rival, Ralph Jacobs, 135, Newark, in the third, and Frank Cubas, 147¾, Cliffside Park, N. J., stopped Johnny Meza, 143, East Side, in the first.

In posting his fifth straight win in metropolitan rings, Luis Galvani, 123½, fast-stepping Cuban, tossed too much leather for Calvin Leigh, 124½, Rochester, N. Y., and the affair at the Broadway Arena was halted by Referee Teddy Martin at 1:31 of the fifth to save the up-stater from further punishment. Tony Bove, 148½, Brooklyn, finished strong to edge out Luciano Gurno, 149, Italy, in the semi-final six. In the only preliminary to go its full route, Tommy May, 129, East Side, drew with Max Osario, 124¼, Puerto Rico, in four. In the other numbers, Jimmy Gambino, 205, Greenwich Village, kayoed Bob Jefferson, 188½, Brooklyn, in the second; Jimmy Dillon, 144, Norwood, Colo., flattened Joe Esposito, 149, East Side, also in the second, and Johnny Carr, 125, Brooklyn, halted Jesus Compos, 124½, Puerto Rico, in the first.

In a rugged, free-punching brawl, Carmine Vitale, 162¾, Jackson Heights, finished ahead of Al Rosasco, 165½, Harlem, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. In a West Indian number, Tony Armenteros, 147, Cuba, outpointed the clownish Frank Navedo, 143¾, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. In another six, Vince Murray, 133¼, Hempstead, grabbed the decision over Nelson Torres, 138, Brooklyn. Knockouts shortened two of the three scheduled fours, James Doxie, 159½, Harlem, halting Dick D'Angelo, 164½, Brooklyn, in the third, and Johnny Neugebauer, 218, Long Island City, polishing off Ike Welcome, 183¼, Washington Heights, in the first. In the other four, Vicky Femia, 124, Harlem, was a decision winner over Willie Davis, 119¼, Brooklyn.

Trying to beat Paddy DeMarco at the latter's roughhouse style of milling proved the undoing of Dennis Pat Brady, and the Bronxite, 137¾, dropped a split verdict to the Brooklyn bully boy in a brawling ten at the St. Nick Arena. DeMarco scaled 135¼. Getting himself penalized two rounds for low punches cost Jackie Burke, 163½, Pittsburgh, the decision in the semi-final eight with Larry Shaw, 169, Brooklyn. In sixes, Joe Wamsley, 128¼, West Side, outpointed Julie Colon, 132¾, Brooklyn, and Mike Fischer, 196, West Side, stopped Johnny Orgen, 193¾, Bronx, in the fourth. In fours, Tony Amato, 160½, Jersey City, won over Tommy Ragucci, 165½, Staten Island, and Gordon Hunt, 155, Cleveland, O., copped the award over Ernie Batchelor, 158½, West Side.

The vicious left hooks of Roger Donaghue, 151¾, Yonkers, were too much for Tony Viserto, 149, Bronx, and their slamfest at the Ridgewood Grove ended in 2:22 of the fifth. Viserto stood up well under the rugged going for four rounds, but in the fifth he was battered to the canvas for nine, then for keeps. It was Donaghue's 18th straight win as a pro. Frankie Lentine, 148½, Youngstown, O., used a neat left hand to decision Jimmy Suber, 152½, Jamaica, in the semi-final six. Angelo Luongo, 155½, East Side, won over Larry Gassa, 147½, Washington Heights, in another six. In fours, Al Graziano, 121¼, Brooklyn, whipped Albey Nocha, 118½, East Side; Jimmy Monahan, 139¾, Bronx, stopped Clarence Mosley, 139¼, Brooklyn, in the fourth, and Rocco Quollo, 138, Brooklyn, was the winner over Angelo Cruz, 133¾, Harlem.

Too rugged and aggressive for his opponent, Joe Giardella, 158½, transplanted Brooklynite, now fighting out of Philadelphia, was a handy winner over Hurley Sanders, 157½, Newark, in eight at the Broadway Arena. Giardella gave Sanders a rough going-over during the first half of the scrap, but tired in the closing frames, and at times had difficulty keeping up with the hit-and-run Newarker. Pat Marcune, 126, Coney Island, whipped Max Osario, 123½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. Bob Miller, 143¾, Bronx, kayoed Orlando Cepeda, 150, Cuba, in the fifth of another six. In fours, Ivan Fredericks, 140, Harlem, outpointed Jimmy Monahan, 136, Bronx; Tommy Grillo, 131½, Brooklyn, edged out Stokes Thomas, 135½, Newark, and Tommy Ragucci, 166, Staten Island, won over Arthur Wallace, 166, Brooklyn.

Slightly ahead in points at the end of the sixth, Carmine Fiore, 143, Brooklyn, turned loose a devastating blitz in the seventh that sent Joey Atria, 142, Harlem, crashing to the canvas three times and out in 1:19. A left hook that tumbled Atria across the ropes started things going. Another hook dropped the Harlemite for the first knockdown, and rights accounted for the other two. Johnny Lemons, 125½, Stamford, Conn., tossed a few too many gloves for Joe Paniagua, 122, Bronx, in the semi-final six. In another six, Jim Leslie, 159, Bronx, outpointed Ray Kelly, 164, Brooklyn. In fours, Tommy Coleman, 133½, Yorkville, won over Ed Rawlings, 138, Brooklyn; Carmine Schiaffo, 140½, Bronx, drew with Fred Flores, 140, East Side, and Johnny Hickson, 155, Bronx, kayoed Phil Rizzo, 150, Brooklyn in the final stanza.

Dropping his opponent twice in the first and once in the second Artie Diamond, 155¾, Middle Village, belted his way to a unanimous decision over Eddie Edwards, 154, Irvington, N. J., in a bustling six at the Ridgewood Grove. After the rugged early going, Edwards used his defensive, counter-punching tactics to make things interesting for Diamond. Returning to the ring after a year's layoff, Sonny Levitt, 156, East Side, stopped Jay Paginelli, 154¾, Newark, in the fourth of the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Tommy Pennino, 125½, Brooklyn, edged out Filberto Osario, 124½, Puerto Rico, and Norman Thompson, 138¼, Paterson, outpointed Gene Japngie, 139, Brooklyn. Eddie Washburn, 144¾, Lawton, Okla., whipped Amy Nicosia, 143½, Brooklyn, in four, and Johnny Bowman, 152, Harlem, kayoed Joe Boogich, 155, East Side, in the last of a four.

Wearing down his opponent with a systematic body attack, Georgie Kaplan, 195, Brooklyn, shifted to the face in the fourth and a solid right to the jaw flattened Johnny Melko, 212¾, Worcester, Mass., for the full count in 1:29 of the fourth at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Hurley Sanders, 156, Newark, edged out Tommy Englehardt, 156, Astoria, in the semi-final six. In another six, Joe Wamsley, 129, likely-looking West Sider, squeezed out a decision over Johnny Lemons, 130, Stamford, Conn. In fours, Avalino Fiel, 141, East Side, decisioned Jimmy Mulrooney, 137¾, Hempstead; Sammy Brown, 167, East Side, stopped Jimmy Gadsen, 170¾, Brooklyn, in the second, and Tommy Dixon, 132, Washington, was declared winner on disqualification of Sal Spinella, 132¼, Brooklyn. During the final round, Spinella's manager hopped into the ring to protest the manner in which Referee Gus Galli was handling Sal on the breaks. Galli stopped the bout until the manager left the ring, then permitted the fight to continue for the remainder of the round before disqualifying Spinella.

Out of the ring nearly two years, Dom Youvella, 161¾, Poughkeepsie, celebrated his return by outscrambling Gene Boland, 159, Scranton, in a free-swinging eight at the White Plains Community Center. Boland also was getting back into action after a long layoff; it was his first bout in eleven months. Billy Murphy, 137, Brooklyn, outpointed Joe Tavrens, 138¼, Jamaica, in the semi-final six. Tommy Tipping, 132¾, Scotland, won over Pete Tropia, 136¼, Bronx, in another six. In fours, Tony Ambile, 120¼, Yonkers, drew with Frank Sapone, 117½, Jersey City; Felix Mastro, 157¾, Bronz, had the better of Harold Drucker, 161, East Side, and Jojo Malanga, 234½, Bronx, was too ponderous for Cecil Roland, 182, Harlem, and flattened him in 1:19 of round one.

A lop-sided affair at the St. Nick's Arena was halted at 2:09 of the sixth when Referee Frank Fullam decided Red DeFazio, 143½, Bayonne, had taken enough punishment from Joe Miceli, 144½, East Side. DeFazio wasn't off his feet at any time, but he was little more than a punching bag for Miceli. The main event was in keeping with the supporting card, which produced three kayos. Herman McGray, 150½, Philadelphia, stopped Billy Patterson, 149½, Harlem, in the fifth of the semi-final; Frank Gabas, 148, Paterson, halted Paul Hawks, 152, Beacon, N. Y., in the fifth, and Jean Robnett, 129¾, France, polished off Max Osario, 128, Puerto Rico, in the fourth. In the only bouts to go their full routes, Al Wilson, 147, Englewood, N. J., outpointed Richie Orange, 142, Harlem, in six, and Frankie Barranca, 147, Brooklyn, won over Frankie Friedman, 146½, New Brunswick, N. J., in four.

The most disastrous season, financially, in the club's long history came to a close at the Broadway Arena with industrious Pat Marcune, 124½, Coney Island, putting a quick finish to Johnny Arduini, 118½, Washington, D. C. Too big and strong for his bantam opponent, Marcune dropped Arduini three times before Referee Jack Appel called a halt at 2:22 of round one. It was Marcune's 13th bout—and his 12th win against one draw—in the first four and a half months of 1950. Tommy Bove, 147, Brooklyn, outslugged a borough rival, Johnny Fernandez, 155, to cop the semi-final six. In other sixes, Randolph Powell, 160, Bronx, won over Johnny Fisher, 159, Brooklyn, and Frank Cranini, 143, East Side, kayoed Werner Enge, 144½, Brooklyn, in the fourth. Jim Outlaw, 128, Jersey City, was too well armed for Ben Proctor, 124, Brooklyn, in four.

Repeating the win he scored four weeks previously in the same ring, but this time by a more pronounced margin, Joey Scarlota, 134½, Bronx, whipped Freddie Smith, 135¾, Harlem, in a free-punching eight at Sunnyside Garden. Smith's edge in boxing wasn't enough to offset the aggressiveness and harder hitting of Scarlota. Johnny Kamber, 130½, Livingston, N. J., flattened Benny Smith, 131, Bronx, in the fifth of the semi-final. Leslie Petteway, 125¼, Vineland, N. J., decisioned Johnny Carr, 124¼, Bronx, in six. In fours, Charles Parker, 150½, Long Island City, was the winner over Kelly Duncan, 153¾, Flushing; Frank Petrik, 129½, Bronx, had the better of Don Shanley, 130½, Jersey City, and Clarence Goldsby, 164, Chester, Pa., stopped lanky Matt Daniels, 167½, Washington, D. C., in the third.

A somewhat sour decision in the main event marred boxing's return to Madison Square Garden after a six weeks' vacation. Referee Ruby Goldstein came nearest to the right verdict when he tabbed 6-3-1 in favor of Charley Fusari, 151½, Irvington, N. J., over Paddy Young, 154½, Greenwich Village, but he was outvoted by the judges, Joe Agnello, who gave it to Young, 6-4, and Bill Healy, who had the rounds even, 5-5, but decided for Young by a 7-6 margin in points. It was a rousing battle all the way, with both lads absorbing heavy punishment, but Fusari seemed to have earned what edge there was. A knockdown in the seventh cinched the verdict for Archie Devino, 129½, Newark, over Bobby Bell, 125½, Youngstown, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Arthur Persley, 137¾, Red Cross, La., whipped Ermano Bonetti, 135¼, Italy, and Sonny Luciano, 139, Paterson, decisioned Bill Neri, 138½, Bridgeport. In fours, Jimmy Dillon, 141, Norwood, Col., won over Don Hart, 140, Syracuse, and Tommy DeSantis, 127½, Youngstown, beat Vic Femia, 127, West Side. The attendance was 9,673 and the gate, $37,189.

Given a chance at the Ridgewood Grove to square accounts for the sensational one-round kayo tossed into him in the same ring three weeks previously, Rocky Compitello, 156¾, Brooklyn, was doing well for himself against Jimmy Herring, 159, Ozone Park, until, during a vicious exchange in the fifth, he was staggered by a left hook. Herring lost no time finishing matters, and Compitello was counted out in 2:13. The windup was in keeping with the supporting card, which scattered kayoes all over the premises. Tony Gandolfo, 159, Brooklyn, needed less than one round to flatten Gordon Hunt, 154½, Cleveland. Three bouts had second-round endings, Ralph Schneider, 219, Island Park, stopping Hank Sazen, 207, Staten Island; Stanley Wycocki, 159½, Brooklyn, icing Serge Dataille, 157¾, Richfield, Conn., and Tony Allegro, 135¾, Bronx, rendering a fast lullaby for Eddie Rawlings. In the only scraps to go their full route, both fours, Ralph Giordano, 137, Newark, decisioned Johnny Mulrooney, 136, Huntington, and Angelo Cruz, 132¼, Puerto Rico, going to a draw with Tommy Dixon, 131, Washington Heights.

Substituting on short notice for the postponed Cesar Brion-Lester Felton heavyweight affair, a pair of rival Brooklynites, Ray Bryan, 163, Bushwick, and Larry Shaw, 170, Bay Ridge, stepped eight fairly even rounds at the Eastern Parkway Arena, with a split verdict favoring Bryan at the finish. Shaw was the more aggressive, but Bryan's better boxing and sharper punching decided the issue. Vince Murray, 134½, Hempstead, outpunched Nelson Torres, 137, Brooklyn, in a lively semi-final six. Another six produced a decision for Moe Hill, 163¼, Brooklyn, over Sam Brown, 165, Washington Heights. In a pair of fours, Gene Robnett, 127¾, Paris, France, outpointed Charley McGarrity, 122¾, Brooklyn, and Giachinno Lupo, 142, Lodi, N. J., polished off Jack Randolph, 145, Dorsey, Miss., in the third.

FROM DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

By Leonard Neill

WAGING an aggressive battle from beginning to end, Simon Greb, the new middleweight discovery, was rather unlucky when he was forced to retire in round eight to National Champion Jolting Joe.

Greb, scaling 152, had the better of the fight, and was ahead when the medico said "no more" because of an ugly cheek gash just before the eighth commenced. Joe scaled 159.

For eight furious rounds, Kista Govender, 131, and Percy Wilkinson, 133¾, battled it out to a wild crowd-pleasing draw. In another eight, lightweight champion Kid Sathamony, 128, came unstuck when Speedy Bandes, 135, clearly outboxed him to take the decision. Great-hearted Luiqum Pellay, 110, was lucky to get a draw against Kid Sweetie, 108½, in a six, while Kid Alphens, 125, gained a narrow six-round decision over Shamrock Shade, 128.

Latest local wrestling importation is Scotland's Sandy McLaren, who met up with Manie Maritz in a City Hall feature, with Manie beating his foe two falls to one.

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SOMETHING ABOUT EDUCATED FIGHTERS

(Continued from page 9)

perfect fight. Every move I made was perfect, and nobody said anything about it. Now I fight a bad fight and people seem to like me better for it."

He thought a lot about the Gosney fight. He fought it over and over in his mind.

"I did everything wrong in that fight," he said, "and I chewed myself plenty for it. Here it had gone six rounds when I should have finished it in the third."

Fifteen months later he fought Marciano. In the fourth round he hurt Marciano near the Forty-ninth street ropes. Marciano stood for a moment, his hands down, an open target. Instead of stepping in, LaStarza stepped back, his hands high, the counter-fighter waiting for Marciano to throw the next punch. A fight that, like another fight more than a year before it, might have been ended early, went ten rounds, and in this one LaStarza lost the decision and came out of it his face battered, his eyes cut, his prestige the worse.

The mistake the educated fighter makes is in the assumption that the book on boxing is as complete as the book on mathematics. It is one of the objects of education to remove the risks for men from the occupations by which they choose to make their livings. It is possible for a man, with a book at his elbow or in his head, to build a bridge or balance a business account, without a gamble. The great fighter never lived who never took a chance, for while boxing is a science it is also closely related to the arts.

THE distinguishing quality of the great fighter is his ability not alone to absorb the book but to improvise upon it. It is the same with the great musician, the great artist. Improvisation, sometimes called instinct, is the major ingredient of greatness.

Several hundred years ago when Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo were the heavyweight champions of the world's art they used to conduct classes in their studios. The masters would show the pupils what brushes to use, how to mix their paints, how to make each stroke. They would all paint, masters and pupils, the same objects, using the same brushes, the same paints, the same techniques, and yet today it is possible for those who understand art to tell you which paintings were made by the masters, which by the pupils.

If you were to go to what used to be called Grupp's Gymnasium and is now the Uptown Gym on New York's 116th Street, you would see a half dozen fighters you might mistake for Ray Robinson. Sparring, shadow boxing, punching the big bag—they all hold their hands like Robinson, punch like Robinson, move their feet like Robinson. If you had gone there ten years ago, you would have seen as many who looked, in the gym, like Henry Armstrong, and yet there was only one Armstrong and there will be but one Robinson.

THERE is a young welterweight named Johnny Saxton. He is a former Golden Gloves champion and a fine prospect. In the Uptown Gym he is the one who looks more like Robinson than any other with the exception of Robinson. In April he fought Joe Miceli at the St. Nicholas Arena and for five rounds he tried to be Robinson and he lost the five rounds. In the sixth round, because he had to, he started to fight like Johnny Saxton, and after that he knocked Miceli down three times and pulled the fight out of the fire.

No accusation can be made against Saxton that he ever crossed a college threshold. His book has been the book of Robinson only, but the highly educated fighter has been book-bound through all the years of his adolescence and earliest manhood, and it is never easy for him to conceive of the truth that neither security nor success lie solely in the experiences of others.

It is a difficult thing to convince a man who, by study, has acquired a certain amount of learning that in some pursuits study, or imitation, is not enough. If a move that Robinson makes in a ring is a great move it is because to him, Robinson, it has meaning. It came out of necessity and is the product of his own private abilities and instincts. No matter how many times another man may practice it, it can never, for him, have the same meaning.

NO BOOK will ever answer the problems of boxing. No man will ever be able to demonstrate completely the answers for his fellows. It has not been too difficult for the great teachers of boxing to take a man of intelligence and show him the classic punches and the standard defenses. It is probably possible to teach 90 percent of boxing, but the result will be a mechanical fighter, for the last 10 percent is what distinguishes the art from the science, and that final stretch is one that a man must travel alone, propelled by his own motivations.

When a man has another man hurt and at his mercy, something other than instruction tells him to step in and finish it. They taught Joe Louis many things, but Louis was at his creative best not at the moments he was enacting their teachings but as a finisher. At that moment of finishing a man he was all Louis, and that was the one thing, more than anything else, that distinguished him among the all-time greats of the heavyweight divisions.

That is what the young men they call the college fighters cannot appreciate. They cannot learn it and so they cannot understand it. They seem to have it on the football field but they do not have it in the ring, and Roland LaStarza, remembering Rocky Graziano at his best, says rather diffidently that he guesses that if he bared his teeth and snarled, the fight fans would like him better. He does not seem to understand that when the Graziano of the old days did this, he meant it, and that, combined with a right-hand punch, was what made Rocky a fighter.

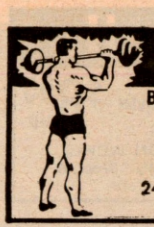
THEY say that too much education softens a man and that that is why the colleges graduate no good fighters. They fight emotionally on a gridiron and they fight bravely and well in our wars, but their contributions in our rings have been insignificant. Reason and the advantages they have known separate them from greatness.

The ring has been described as a refuge for the underprivileged and that is no exaggeration. Out of the downtrodden have come our greatest fighters. If you look at their names and you study our history you will see the sociological significance in the run of great Irish fighters, Jewish fighters, Italian fighters and Negro fighters. A fight in a ring is a fight for survival and the great ones have been born to it.

An education is an escape, and that is what they are saying when they shake their heads—those who know the fight game—as you mention the name of a college fighter. Once the bell rings, they want their fighters to have no retreat, and a fighter with an education is a fighter who does not have to fight to live and he knows it.

It is not that the well-educated fighter pauses at the moment when he should step in because he is saying to himself that he can get a job as a civil engineer or as an accountant. It is just that he has lost the instinct as he has acquired the advantages. He has so much to lose that the gain appears less. Only for the hungry fighter is it a decent gamble.

It could be, of course, that fighting as we know it is doomed to extinction. As higher education becomes more general, as prejudice and persecution wane, fighting may wane with it. Not in our times but in the time of our grandchildren we may have boxing only—boxing out of the book and devoid of emotion and as polite and pathetic as tennis.



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CLEVELAND RING NEWS

By Phil Goldstein

LARRY ATKINS' show at the Arena was neither an artistic nor a financial success.

In the feature, Sandy Saddler, 130, was far too good for Lauro Salas, 130, and after dropping the Mexican in the ninth round, Referee Jackie Davis wisely stopped the uneven bout.

In the ten-round semi-final, Billy Graham, 145, showed his class after a slow start to easily beat Jimmy Sanders, 149, Warren.

Gino Buonvino, 195, Italy, scored a knockdown in the first round at the expense of Dolph Quijano, 177, El Paso, and then cut the Mexican's eye badly in the second, and the bout was stopped.

Larry Shaw, 170, New York, easily outpointed Bob Flanagan, 173, Canada, in a ten. Shaw's margin was very wide.

Charley Lester, 215, kayoed Tommy Woodward, 195, Indianapolis, in 58 seconds.

Mickey Mars, *Plain Dealer* G.G. and Sectional Olympic champ, added the National A.A.U. championship to his laurels. He scored three straight decisions and then kayoed his fourth and fifth opponents to nail the title.

RING TEST ANSWERS

1—False. Monaghan recently retired.
2—False. Louis was knocked out by Max Schmeling.
3—False. LaMotta defeated Robinson, February 5, 1943.
4—False. Jack Dempsey was known as the Manassa Mauler.
5—True. The European title was recently taken away from him, but he still holds the Empire title.
6—Hal Bagwell.
7—Jack Broughton.
8—John Morrissey.
9—Featherweight.
10—The Johnson-Jeffries bout at Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910, Johnson kayoed Jeffries in the 15th round of their title bout.

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FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By Homer Amundsen

NORTHWEST COLLEGE boxers have earned National notice. They have the co-championship of the national collegiate boxing world and five of eight titles—all right here in the Northwest. This is the astounding achievement by Gonzaga University, Spokane, and the University of Idaho. Our boxers cleaned up on the whole country at the recent National tournament at Penn State, Pa.

Had Pat McMurtry, Gonzaga 165-pounder, been entered at Penn State, we here would bet our last buck the Tacoma chap would have cleaned up and won for himself and Gonzaga a college title. Pat, a freshman wasn't permitted to box varsity.

"Irish-Welsh" Mike McMurtry, the promising Tacoma heavyweight amateur lad has been tabbed a future great by Leo Lomski, the former Aberdeen Assassin. Leo by the way will promote professional fight cards in Aberdeen, Washington.

Young Firpo recently wrote me in regards to prospective talent for his fight events at Wallace, Idaho. In the 1920's Firpo was one of the good middleweights around the Northwest.

Fourth of July I will journey to the East to visit the editor of RING Magazine, and other fight folks in the big towns. Have plans to visit Michigan State, Penn State, and Navy, to pick up some data on college boxing.

I expect to have college boxing at the College of Puget Sound on its way this early fall. Going in as Coach here at C.P.S., gives me a good deal of pleasure.

Professional wrestling in my gymnasium continues to draw good crowds every Monday night. It is too bad the pro fight game in this city cannot pay off.

The recent passing of Eddie Miller, former manager of ex-middleweight champion, Freddie Steele, was a sad blow to Eddie's many friends.

Ritchie Reed, the popular Tacoma amateur welterweight slugger will be under Uncle Sam's care for the next three years. The hard socking Tacoma kid signed up in the Air Corps. The Army will get a good fighter in this Reed boy.

Leave it to the wrestling boys when it comes to jumping at each other's throats. Another combine has entered the Tacoma grappling field. Tacoma cannot support two clubs a week.

Ray Maynard, veteran boxing man will assist Leo Lomski in the promotion of fights at Aberdeen, Washington.

Bill Ross, the popular Seattle fight manager made the trip to the Boston, Mass., Nationals, only to see his 175-pounder, Freddie Brown, lose by a split decision. Freddie won the 1950 Seattle Golden Gloves title.

Lonnie Austin, long-time Seattle boxing promoter and instructor, died recently at the age of 72. Lonnie had been suffering from a stroke since 1945. The old time firm of Austin & Salt was one of the best in Seattle's fight history. The late Dan Salt passed on in 1925.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

CHARLEY RILEY, the rated St. Louis featherweight who suffered a set back at the hands of Ray Famechon, to whom he dropped a ten-round decision in a St. Louis bout, packed his bags and migrated to St. Paul, Minn., where he punched out a ten-round decision over the stiff punching Glen Flanagan. This was the second time that Riley had defeated Flanagan, the first being on Promoter Hans Bernstein's Auditorium card a month prior to the second meeting in St. Paul. There is local talk of a bout between Riley and Sandy Saddler, that should fill the Auditorium.

In last month's RING the writer mentioned that boxing bouts were being introduced as "exhibitions." Since then a new ruling has been put into effect and in the future boxing bouts will again be introduced as "contests" which is as it should be. This ruling came about at the full meeting of the Missouri Athletic Commission held in St. Louis, April the 21st.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, on April the 11th, Lou Gray, St. Louis middleweight, was knocked out in three rounds by Artie Towne, New York, middle.

The Illinois Athletic Commission has instituted a new boxer's identification card which shows a photo of the boxer carrying the card as well as vital statistics and includes a record of previous fights won and lost. Commissions around the country would do well to follow in the steps of this progressive move.

Promoter Leon (Hans) Bernstein, St. Louis's boxing promoter will present outdoor pro boxing cards in St. Louis this summer, with the locale to be the North Side Softball Park. Bernstein will also offer excursion rates at the Park with the exception of outstanding bouts when the usual scale will prevail.

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WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By Mickey Davies

BOXING fans of southern West Virginia have been anxiously awaiting the professional debut of young Noel Humphreys, whose lethal left hook earned him the title of National Golden Glove Bantamweight Champion in 1948, but it seems that Noel is plagued with ill luck and will be sidelined for several weeks, due to a fracture of his left hand which was sustained in a bout at the Chicago Stadium last month. He should be ready for action shortly.

Prospect of the Month—Billy Horan, an Irish heavyweight, formerly of Fall River, Mass., now living in Huntington.

The fistic fans of Waterbury, Conn., were treated to a bang up main event on April 29th, when Promoter Rocco Mara, featured Sandy Saddler, 132, New York City, and Dave (Sunny) Shade, 136, Huntington, W. Va. Saddler was awarded the decision after ten furious rounds in which the aggressive Shade had the New York Negro on the floor in the fifth frame.

Bill Cassity, heavy hitting Charleston welter, is now boxing out of Providence, R. I., under the direction of Tippy Solomino.

At Random—Ole Fritzie Zivic, the former welterweight king, recently opened the swanky Carnival Lounge in Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle. . . . While on a sojourn through the New England states recently we dropped in on Eddie Beck, at his popular Journal Diner, in Providence. . . . A very capable trainer and corner man—John Farias of Fall River, Mass. . . . Marshal Lupo has several promising youngsters training in his Fairmont gym. . . . Albert (Hoss) Kerns, anxious to get boxing started back in Charleston again. . . . Billy Adams and Bill Craig making plans to operate pro boxing at the Williamson, W. Va., ball park this summer.

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TUCSON TALKS
By Howdy Myers

PROMOTER BILL SANTOS opened Tucson's summer season with a bang on April 24, with a five bout action packed card. Many Eastern fans will remember Santos, who, fighting as an amateur under the Philadelphia *Inquirer* banner, held five A.A.U. Light-heavy titles. Santos, whose right name is Sartorri, turned professional in 1940, and was compiling a nice string of victories until he met the great crippler Arthritis. Bill wasted no time before heading for the sunshine city to get an assist from Old Sol. His friends will be glad to hear that he is doing fine, and putting up a great fight against his tough foe.

Packy McFarland, Tucson lightweight, met the highly regarded Oscar Price in the 10-round feature. McFarland, an 8 to 5 underdog at the outset, upset the dopesters and decisively defeated the Fresno Negro. Whistling lefts and an overhand right had Price down in the second, third, and sixth rounds. Price, a strong finisher, tried desperately for a Hollywood finish, but the rough Irishman never was headed. The Judges awarded McFarland the unanimous decision and Price's State Lightweight Championship came to an abrupt end.

The six-round semi-windup brought the high stepping Jimmy Mitchell, A.A.U. featherweight champ and Olympic team member, against the aggressive Andy Borrego, army airman. Mitchell was awarded the T.K.O. in the fifth when the rugged airman suffered a gash on his head from a butt. Local experts were unanimous in labeling Mitchell as a lad to watch.

Marcus Vasquez, L. A. lightweight, outpointed Ray Mila of Hermisillo in a fast four-round prelim.

Eddie Williams, Tucson welter, and K.O. artist, was hard pressed to win a split decision over tough Mando Sosa of Hermisillo.

Johnny Hart, Phoenix, showed real class in decisioning Leo Carillo of Hermisillo.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By Bill Davee

AT HOUSTON—Jesse De Hoyos, 119½, decisioned Benny Garcia, 120, four. Alex Vargas, 139½, decisioned Johnny Villanueva, 136, four, Boyd Smith, 169, and Ocie Deering, 170, drew, four. Thomas Mitchell, 160, kayoed Johnny Stutes, 158, two. Rudy De Hoyos, 126, decisioned Tony Lala, 126, four. Jim Crowder, 150, decisioned Adan Villa, 156, eight. Joe Garcia, 126, decisioned Johnny Longo, 125, eight.

At Houston—Boyd Rodgers, 158, kayoed Robert Rushing, 162, two. James Earl Van Huss, 170, kayoed Allen Rex Camp, 178, two. Jose Alvarez, 128, decisioned Antonio Loera Cantu, 125, four. Eudoro Patino, 145, kayoed Cline Elledge, 147, two. Jimmy De Leon, 148, decisioned Vicente Cantu Garza, 146, six. Reecy Davis, 161, kayoed A. C. "Joe" Robinson, 159, three.

At Corpus Christi—Tony Lala, 131, decisioned Raul Sanchez, 124, four. Boyd Smith, 168, kayoed Joe Becka, 176, one. Gilbert Abrego, 129, kayoed Wayne Hammons, 134, one. Jackie Lawrence, 148, T.K.O.'ed Adan Villa, 158, two. Tommy Ramirez, 156, kayoed Julio Serna Rodriguez, 160, twelve, for Texas middleweight championship.

At Houston—Pat Patterson, 130, T.K.O.'ed Armando Chavez, 134, two. Jimmy Lott, 145, decisioned Tony Medina, 139, four. Henry Luera, 125, kayoed Charlie Walters, 122, one. Frankie Gusemano, 151, decisioned Buddy Torres, 146, four. Thomas Mitchell, 159, decisioned Billy Davis, 157, six. Joey Barnum, 143, T.K.O.'ed Choforo Martinez, 144, nine.

At El Paso—Jose Rios, 125, and Johnny Herrera, 119, drew four. Antonio Romero Reyes, 135, decisioned Francisco Guzman, 142, four. Ernesto Zacatecas, 157, decisioned Gil Ramirez, 160, four. Hector Rios, 121, and Enrique Morales, 116½, drew in six. Conrado Castanon, 123, kayoed Memo Valero, 123¾, in eight, for championship of Texas.

At Houston—Armando Chavez, 128, won over Wendell Romair, 123, on a disqualification in three. Robert Edwards, 171, decisioned Victor Viola, 180, four. Tony Lala, 128, decisioned Henry Joe Luera, 124, four. Tino Longorio, 156, decisioned Guy Davis, 148, four. Gilbert Garcia, 160, T.K.O.'ed Jim Stevenson, 155, three. Joe Garcia, 128, and Johnny Longo, 126, drew in ten.

At Houston—Ray Casaday, 140, and Tony Medina, 140, drew in four. Billy Gillespie, 155, decisioned Richard Wagner, 150, four. Henry Joe Luera, 124, decisioned Ray Smith, 127, four. Johnny Burke, 178, decisioned Eddie Lopez, 190, four. Jim Crowder, 149, kayoed Billy Davis, 152, six. Bobby Dykes, 152, kayoed Dave Meredith, 146, two.

At Dallas—Donald Meeks, 145, kayoed Harry Silverberg, 147, two. Mike Woolsey, 169, kayoed Steve Turner, 169, one. Jack Marshall, 215, and Joey Maxim, 185, a four round exhibition.

At Austin—Ben Davidson, 159, decisioned Willie Wade, 152, four. Terry Gibson, 145½, decisioned Lloyd Nelson, 145½, four. Charlie Sanders, 199, kayoed Rickey Mills, 182½, one. Jimmy DeLeon, 147, kayoed Ted Agapiou, 139½, two. Bert Linam, 152½, kayoed Chief Crazy Horse, 146½, five.

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HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By Colin Faulkner

ROY WOUTERS, 158, Vancouver, B.C., became Canadian Middleweight Boxing Champion in the Forum at Halifax, N.S. on April 29, 1950, when the defending title-holder George Ross, 156¾, West Bay, C.B., did not come out for the tenth round of their championship bout.

Keith Paris, 133½, New Glasgow, N.S., iced Red Graham, 128, Dartmouth, N.S., at 2:56 of the second canto. Dexter Connors, 129½, Truro, N.S., and James MacKenzie, 129, Halifax, N.S., fought actively to a draw; Paddy McNeil, 140, Glace Bay, C.B., got the nod from K. O. Steele, 141, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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WHATEVER may be said about the ethics of the transaction, one thing is certain—Gould and Braddock broke the backbone of the Garden's monopoly on the heavyweight championship, and placed it in the hands of Jacobs. Prior to the deal the Garden had control of boxing through its control of the heavyweight champion.

Had Jacobs not bought his way into the Gould-Braddock partnership with the ten percent deal, there is no doubt that Schmeling, not Louis, would have been the successor to Jimmy Braddock, and the Garden's monopoly would have continued.

Had the Braddock-Schmeling fight taken place as originally arranged and sanctioned by the New York Commission, Mike Jacobs would not have become the great figure he did in world boxing—the Czar.

Gould had little schooling, but no one could question his craftiness as a manager of fighters. He had been schooled in that field by some of the "wise men" of pugilism, chief of whom were Owney Madden, Bill Duffy and Frenchie, three powers in the field of boxing during the height of the prohibition era. Gould began managing fighters in 1925 when Braddock defeated Gould's welterweight, Harry Galfund. He and Braddock worked without a contract and the combination was one of the closest in the history of modern fisticuffs. A handshake constituted their contract.

IN 1933, Braddock's career seemed at an end. He had been working as a stevedore on the Hoboken, New Jersey, docks and had been on relief for some time when he was called out of retirement to fight in the Madison Square Garden Bowl against Corn Griffin, then regarded as a comer.

It was figured by Jimmy Johnston, matchmaker of the Garden, that a victory over Braddock would put Griffin in line for a shot at the title, but instead, it boomed the stock of Braddock in his comeback for he knocked out Griffin, followed that with a victory over the light-heavyweight king, John Henry Lewis, who also was seeking a heavyweight title bout and followed with a great triumph over Art Lasky, then the outstanding challenger for Baer's crown.

Those three victories got Braddock the shot at Baer. Jimmy went into that battle, with Baer a 10 to 1 shot, yet he won the crown and gained world fame as the Cinderella Man of Boxing. Then came the fight with Joe Louis on June 22, 1937, and the loss of the title and Braddock's retirement. Gould handled several other fighters after that, but he had reached the height of his glory with Braddock's victory over Baer.

During the war Gould and Braddock enlisted in the army and became captains stationed at the New York Port of Embarkation. In November, 1944, Gould was convicted by a general court-martial of conspiracy in the awarding of contracts for Army equipment. The original sentence of three years' imprisonment, $12,000 fine and dismissal from service, was reduced later to a year in prison, $1,000 fine and dismissal from service. He served nine months and was discharged.

TONY PETRONELLA, one of the live wires in the National Boxing Association, presented a resolution at the N.B.A. Executive Committee meeting in Washington to change its rules making it possible for a champion of a lower division to meet a champion in the next higher classification without first giving up his title.

This now will go before the entire membership at the annual convention of the N.B.A. in Detroit next September for a vote. Two-thirds must pass favorably upon it to have the new rule adopted but indications are that there will be no difficulty in mustering such a vote.

If adopted, then a champion seeking permission to fight for the title in the next higher division must first have taken care of his obligation to give a legitimate challenger in his own division a chance at his title within the required six months period of grace. This will prevent a title holder from ignoring his own class in order to shoot for a title in another division.

The N.B.A. Executive Committee went into real action at the Washington meeting. Many important items were discusseed and recommendations for the betterment of boxing were made which will be placed on the September convention agenda.

At a luncheon of the New York Boxing Writers' Association, at which Mr. Fain, Chairman of the British Board of Boxing Control, Abe Greene, National Commissioner of the N.B.A., and Gene Tunney were present, the trio discussed proposed regulations for bettering international boxing.

That's how it should be and THE RING Editor congratulates the ruling powers in boxing for the get-together. It may lead to the type of legislation we have been after for a long time.

AFTER 25 years as secretary of the Transvaal National Sporting Club, Johannesburg, South Africa, St. John "Tiny" Dean, famous coach of many Olympic teams, has retired. "Tiny," who brought several teams to America and developed many title holders in his country, though seventy years old, hopes to assist in an honorary capacity at the club and will continue his interest in amateur boxing. He recently recovered from a long illness.

Dean rates among his American friends, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Barney Ross, Max Baer and Joe Louis and is probably one of the best-known Olympic coaches in the world. He has been connected with boxing in some capacity for half a century. He participated as boxer, then acted as judge and referee and club secretary.

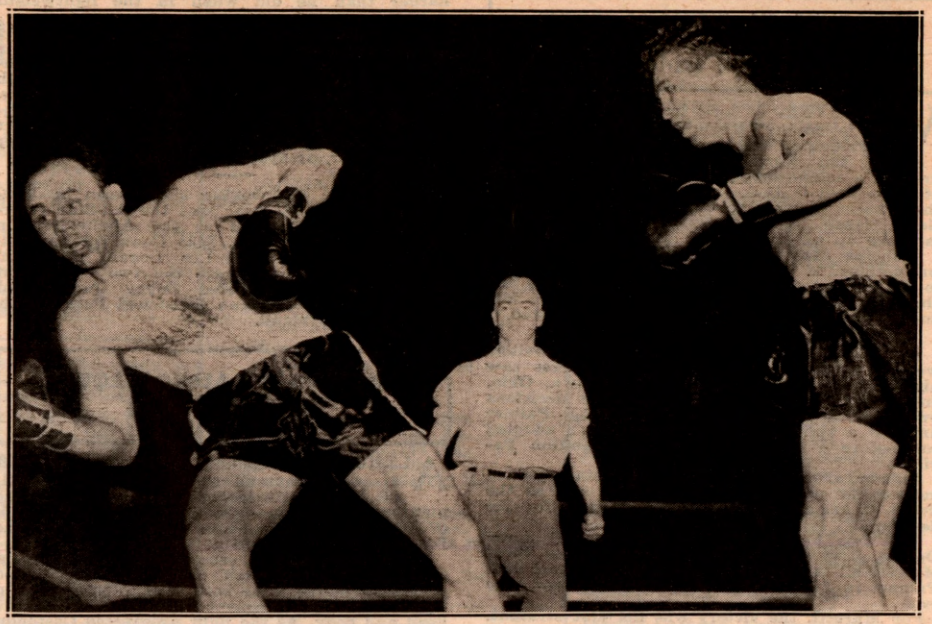
Among the overseas boxers Dean brought to South Africa were "Kid" Berg, Young Stribling, Petey Sarron, Freddie Miller, "Kid" Lewis, Harry Mason, Freddie Mills, Tom Heeney, Aldo Spoldi, Dick Corbett, George Cook and Ken Shaw.

As secretary of the Transvaal N.S.C., he also gave Johnny Ralph his first chance to break into the professional heavyweight ranks.

Our best wishes to a fine gentleman. He was Mr. Boxing in South Africa, a man with a wide knowledge of the sport, keen foresight, an abundance of energy, who contributed much to the game he has always loved.

I SPENT several enjoyable hours going through "All Sports Who's Who," an excellent compilation of sports celebrities—writers and contestants in various branches of athletics. The author, Herbert Kyle Turner, has done a swell job. The book, published at Brighton, England, contains the biographies of upward of 600 persons in addition to special sports features by Trevor Wignall, Peter Wilson and other famous scribes. Wignall's article, "World Sportsmen I Have Met," is most interesting, as is Peter Wilson's "Boxing Is My Sport."

The book should be a Must in all sports libraries.



Steve Belloise goes down for second time in first round of his bout with Laurent Dauthuille in Montreal. The veteran New York middleweight was badly beaten by the Frenchman before Referee Tom Sullivan stopped the uneven affair in the seventh.

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FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA

By Walt Marlow

VANCOUVER, at long last, may get a new deal in boxing. Much to the displeasure of Al Principe, Vancouver's only promoter for a year, the Vancouver Athletic Commission granted a second license in mid-May. New holder of the permit is Jack Fox Sr., who was awarded the franchise after the Commission decided that Gene Mason, another license seeker, did not measure up to promotional standards.

Principe says that he has lost $7000 in 28 promotions. If such is the case, he has no one to blame but himself. Invariably he used the cheapest talent available, and as a result, Mr. and Mrs. Boxing Fan just weren't interested.

Edmonton—Phil Palmer, Vancouver welterweight, is still wondering how the judges saw his fight with Al Marotti of Youngstown, Ohio, on April 6. In one of the weirdest decisions ever handed out in an Edmonton ring, Palmer dropped a split decision to Edmonton's adopted son before a crowd of 2000 at Exhibition Pavilion.

Palmer, after getting off to a slow start, gained momentum as the fight progressed, and at the finish, it looked like Palmer all the way for the decision.

The two judges, Roy Haliburton and Jerry Delane, however, saw it differently. They voted Marotti all the way. Referee Johnny Smith had Palmer in front five rounds to three and two even.

For Marotti, the victory was his 41st straight. The loss was Palmer's 13th in 95 engagements.

Joe Kallis decisioned Dusty Rhodes in six; Sonny Mathiason whipped Ron McLaren of Calgary; Gordon Gray, Viking, stopped Jim Reid, Castor, in one; and Stan James copped the nod over Johnny Koss in six.

Roy Wouters, the never retreating middleweight that Vancouver fans gave up on early in 1949, has become the middleweight champion of Canada.

He won the title by whipping George Ross in Halifax on April 29, and the news of that victory must have made Ernie Farr in Calgary, who started him out, and Ernie Kalani, who managed him in Vancouver, feel very happy.

Edmonton—Benny Geary has reached the end of his fistic trail. The Wildwood fighter dropped his fourth straight comeback start on April 20 when Hal Robbins, Vancouver welterweight, scored a T.K.O. verdict in six rounds before a crowd of 1400.

Fouled three times in each of the second, fourth and fifth rounds, Geary was unable to continue after taking foul blow No. 4 early in the sixth round. Unable to continue after a five minute rest, Geary was declared the loser via a T.K.O.

In the other half of the double eight-round main, Eddie Halligan, Spokane middleweight, scored a decisive decision over Duke Ortega, a substitute for Ralph Helms of Salt Lake City.

Ray Caswell, 145, was stopped by Clint Coates, 146, in the opener; Ernie Smith, 175, Calgary, needed only one round to finish off Hughie Astle, 185, Edmonton, and in what proved to be the best bout of the evening, Viking's Gordie Gray stopped Edmonton's Hec Fillion at 2:35 of the third. Fillion possessed a previous K.O. win over Gray, scored in 1948.

Calgary—Irish Jimmy Nolan, Western Canada welterweight champion, chalked up his 33rd victory in 35 starts here on April 28 when he scored a unanimous decision triumph over Bobby Yaeger of Hollywood, California. It was a rough contest with Nolan, although frequently outboxed, the aggressor from the start in the pleasing 10-round contest. Both received cut eyes. A near 3000 persons were on hand at Victoria Pavilion for the fight.

When Jimmy Nolan is scheduled to go to the post, Calgary Promoter Ernie Farr can rest assured that he'll have no need for red ink. Before a crowd topping the 2900 mark, Irish Jimmy registered the 27th knockout of his career on April 5 when he stopped Chuck Putney, 147, Boise, Idaho, at 1:41 of the third round. Nolan, holder of the Western Canadian welterweight championship, was the boss man throughout.

In the double eight-round semi-final, Ernie Kemick, 134, Calgary, iced Jackie Smith, 135, Boise, Idaho, in round two, and Ponce DeLeon, 198, Calgary, finished off Lee O'Caro, 190, Calgary, in the fifth.

Kenneth Hendy decisioned Eric Williams; Murray Vinje decisioned Johnny Salkeld; Ken McLaren drew with Bill McCutcheon, and Paddy Cripps gained a draw with Johnny Koss.

Vancouver—Portland's Joey Clemo, as pleasing a lightweight as has ever showed in Vancouver, scored a popular ten-round decision over Mexico's Angel Grado on April 6. It was a good close fight all the way. Each was down once.

Vancouver's Eddie Helm, making a comeback after being in retirement for a year, scored a second round T.K.O. over Augustine Diaz, Mexico, in the welterweight semi-final. Referee McDonald stopped the fight because of a badly cut eye. After the fight, however, Diaz found that not only was he badly cut, but also possessed a broken jaw. As a welter, Helm punches much harder than he did when in the lightweight division.

Ken McPhee decisioned Arturo Lopez in a good bout. Jerry Thompson, Tacoma, stopped Billy Donnelly, Vancouver, in four, and Jimmy LaChance, Port Alberni heavyweight, drew with Joe Thomas, Tacoma, in his second pro outing.

Good Main-event fighters, who desire Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary bookings, contact the writer. We can be reached at the Vancouver *News-Herald*, or by phoning MArine 1093.

One of the best boxing shows seen in Vancouver in the past year was the All-Star international amateur card at the Auditorium on May 3. Lenny Walters, 1949 Canadian bantamweight champion, and Leo Logan, provincial middleweight champ, were the two main-event victors. Walters defeated Bobby Jackson of Toledo, Ohio, and Logan decisioned Pete Patete, Baltimore, Maryland.

ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE

By Johnny Seubert

ALTHOUGH he bounced a million punches off his opponent, all Conrado Castonon, 121, of Juarez, Mexico, got, was tired and the unanimous decision over Enrique Morales, 116, of Durango, Mexico, in a ten-round go on the Disabled Veterans card at the Armory.

After the first two rounds had been spent in cautiously feeling each other out, the tempo somewhat increased as both boys warmed up and began landing infrequent solid smashes to the head and body. As the fight progressed Castonon did more pitching and Morales more catching.

In a savagely fought semi-final scheduled for eight rounds, Johnny Herrera, 120, of El Paso, scored a spectacular knockout when he stowed away Enrique Sodite, 115, of Las Vegas.

Joe Arguellas, 132, of Walsenberg, decked Ray Chavez, 135, Albuquerque, in 1.20 of the first round. Arguellas, a real thumper, lost little time going into action.

Raul Duran, 121, of Las Vegas, took the nod over Joey Ramirez, 122, of El Paso in a hard-fought four, while in the curtain raiser Benny Palma, 127, of Belen, decisioned Gene Morrison, 122, of Albuquerque.

A vast step for the betterment of boxing in these parts was taken during the past month when the first AAU boxing tournament ever held here was conducted under the sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The tourney was staged at the Armory and ran for three consecutive nights. From the hard-fought battles emerged a number of outstanding boys who, at the conclusion of hostilities, were awarded well-earned trophies.

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Bantamweight—Eddie Andrade, Albuquerque Boxing Club, Class A. Abie Chavez, Albuquerque, Class B.

Lightweight—Paul Stein, Albuquerque Boxing Club, Class A. Charles Moore, Sandia Base, Class B.

Welterweight—Rickey Stevens, Albuquerque, Class A. Armand Cordova, Albuquerque, Class B.

Middleweight—Timmy Solano, Las Vegas Boxing Club, Class A. Joe Kainz, University Boxing Club, Class B.

Light-heavy—Pfc. Major Magwood, Kirtland Field, Class A. Ray Welch, Sandia Base, Class B.

Heavyweight—Alfredo Sanchez, Albuquerque, Class A. Socrates Zavokos, Kirtland Field, Class B.

Second Wind—Max Roybal, who for many years has worked hard and successfully for boxing in this city, has just been named chairman of the City Boxing Commission.

For any information on boxing in these parts, contact the writer at 712 North Wellesley.

THE PHOENIX BOXING PULSE

By Ken "Dawghouse" Ryan

APRIL proved a month of increased boxing activity throughout the State. But the caliber of the main events, at Phoenix Madison Square Garden took an alarming drop in interest provided.

The welterweight affair between Chester Slider and Ray Perez was a slow ten-rounder and resulted in a draw.

In the semi-final green and willing Al Bishop, 156, after a slow start, chopped Eddie Williams, 148, into a kayo at the end of the fourth round.

Hal Holloway, 132, Twin Falls, Ida., and Teddy Jones, 134, Tucson, traveled to a draw.

Teddy Sims, 146, kayoed Whitey Henley, 145; both hailing from Phoenix. Johnny Waters, 124, Los Angeles, drew with Chukie Martinez, 123, Los Angeles.

Paul Clinite brought back veteran Buddy Scott, 187, after his disappointing showing against Joe Sandell, and threw him in with awkward but effective Windmill Pearce, 180. Pearce who throws his punches like he's pitching flat irons, was the aggressor throughout the ten rounds, with Buddy catching many on his arms and shoulders or was rolling away when they landed. The judges gave the decision to Scott. Scott made Pearce look awkward and lunging at times, but Pearce did all the forcing and practically all the landing.

Dick Allen, 157, postured and clowned his way in a manner reminiscent of Maxie Baer at his daffiest, to defeat Al Bishop, 156.

The other six-rounder featuring Marcus Vasquez, 127, Los Angeles, and Andy Borrego, 125, Tucson, was a lulu. Both of those little gamecocks, with varying styles which made for interest, went at each other at top speed throughout their bout which ended in a draw.

Lanky Willie Bean, 142, Phoenix, outpointed Rocky Hames, 147, Phoenix, in four and the final bell saved Rocky from a surprising K.O. Clyde Bremley, 162, Phoenix, outpointed the ever-trying Cuate Lopez, 166, of Safford.

Middleweights in the persons of Junius Washington, 146½, Oakland, and Joe Danos, 144, of Denver, made the top spot for the third card of the month. It proved a one-sided affair with a willing Danos being outclassed and suffering a severe beating. Washington dropped Danos twice before Referee George Gould called a T.K.O. in 2:05 of the fourth round.

In the six-round semi Cisco Saenz, who is showing gradual improvement, K.O.'ed Soldier Archie Cooper, in 2:45 of the fourth. Al Bishop, 158, kayoed Tom Fair, 161½, Salt Lake City, in 2:15 of the second round.

In the fours, Jimmie Echols, 146, Phoenix, and Willie Bean, 144, Phoenix, went to a draw. And Teddy Martin, 158, Phoenix, scored a split decision over Clyde Bremley, 159, Phoenix, in the opener.

Dick Fisher, Denver, chased Tello Cruz, Los Angeles, for ten rounds to gain the decision. Both weighed in at 138.

Dick Allen, 159, Los Angeles, bewildered Palomo Corrales, 154, a gent with a one track mind, to a draw. Allen dumped Corrales for an eight count in the second round.

In the six-round special Hank (Kid) Davis, 142, Phoenix, made short shift of Frankie Fuller, 146, by cutting his left eye and winning by a kayo at the end of the second round.

Fiery Jimmy Martinez, 145, who should make good, made a successful professional debut by outpointing Gopher Smith, 142, in an all Phoenix four-rounder. Noble Johnson, 122, K.O.'ed Johnny Waters, 127, at the end of the second round.

Boxing branched out to Safford, Duncan, Miami, with generally favorable results. Using Packy McFarland and Cisco Saenz for headliners insures action and these out of town bouts were more successful than those held in Phoenix. But that is part of the breaks of the game. Clinite had a run of good ones, only to have them slack off this month.

Down Tucson way it took Babe Herman plus a ten pound weight advantage, to stop the forward march of Oscar Price.

We're tickled pink to see that Dynamite Salas has finally got going in his eastern campaign. That boy was too classy to be kept down for long. That sixty-day suspension didn't do Phoenix any good when Rodney Jones and Windmill Pearce fought it out at Ocean Park. We understand that although Irish Rodney won, he was pretty well exhausted at the finish.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

By Chester Norton

AL PRINCIPE'S Mexican importation, Angel Grado, 128¾, showed plenty of heart and a certain amount of skill in extending Joey Clemo, Portland, 132, to the ten-round limit. Although Grado lost the unanimous ten-round decision, he was far from disgraced. A sharp right hand had Clemo down for a count in the second and Joey evened the count by downing Grado in the fifth.

The semi was a short-lived affair, as the referee stopped a fight in favor of Eddie Helm, 149½, Vancouver, when Augustine Diaz, Mexico, 128¾, suffered a badly cut eye. It went to 1:35 of the second.

Kenny McPhee, 134½, Vancouver, took a six-round decision over Arturo Lopez, Mexico, 131½, to make it three straight defeats for the Mexican scrappers during the evening.

Billy Donnelly, 135¾, Vancouver, was starched in the fourth round by Curly Thompson, Tacoma, 138¾. In the opener, Joe Thomas, Seattle, and Jimmy LaChance, Port Alberni, 174½, battled to a draw.

During the month of April, the Vancouver Athletic Commission awarded a second promotional license to Jack Fox, Sr. This move should provide a stimulus for the boxing game in this city. However, only time can tell whether it will be good or bad. Here's hoping!

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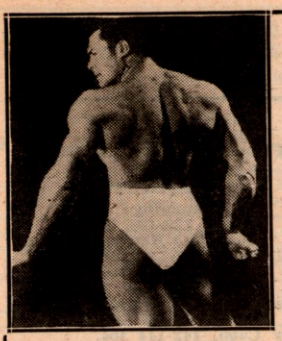

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By Larry Martin

TWO very promising middleweights made the biggest news of April in Rhode Island as Charlie Anglee, 158¾, Pawtucket, and Jimmy Beau, 158¾, Bridgeport, fought one of the all time great middleweight battles in Rhode Island ring history with Beau winning a close split decision.

It was the thirteenth professional fight for Anglee as he clashed with a powerful and smart Jimmy Beau.

The fight went without letup for ten solid rounds as the two men stood toe-to-toe for the better part of the contest and let fly with powerful hooks and right hand shots.

Anglee led off with a tremendous attack that really got to Beau in the second round as Jimmy seemed on the verge of a knockout after a damaging left hook to the body followed by a right to the head, but that was all. From here on Anglee went into a shell. After the eighth round, Anglee came roaring from his corner again with the knowledge that he was way behind because of the backpedaling. He lashed out with his left hook finding the range again as he took the play awya from Beau. The tenth round was a gem. Both fighters raining blows on each other. Beau had to give ground as he was staggered with a right hand to the jaw. Anglee pressed forward and showered left hooks on Beau's body as the Bridgeport fighter was in real trouble. Another crushing right hand to the head followed with a left hook to the body staggered Beau again just before the final bell. As great as Anglee's comeback was, it was not enough as Beau won the split verdict.

Jimmy Cooper, 123, Washington, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Black Pico, 119, who subbed for George Araujo. Like most Cuban fighters, Pico was fast but not explosive and as a result, Cooper was able to wade in almost at will and fire his heavy shots.

Don Williams, 148, substituting for Sonny Boy West who had the grippe, halted Vinnie Rossano, 149½, at the Auditorium in the eighth round of a good scrap. Rossano gave a good account of himself until he got a cut eye in the seventh. The doctor stopped the fight.

Billy Andy, local welterweight, continued to wade through the opposition piling up more marks in the win column. . . . A Rhode Island Veteran Boxers' Association has been formed with the first slate of officers headed by President Pete Louthis, a former heavyweight fighter and presently a boxing coach at Providence College and a referee to boot. Gene Farland of Cranston is first vice president, Martin Tabor, Rhode Island's first Negro referee, holds the second vice-president's chair and Dick McHale is treasurer. Record and Corresponding Secretary is Kid Hope with Patsy Apice acting as Financial Secretary. Sergeant at Arms is Frankie Moise.

Here are the month's results:

Steve Marcello, 139½, Providence, outpointed Billy Murray, 139¼, Boston, in eight; Billy Andy, 146¾, Providence, outpointed Jimmy Neal, 142, Pawtucket, in six; Ray Pratt, 158¾, Cranston, stopped George Myers, 158¼, Boston, in the third round of six; Tony Bell, 153¼, Boston, kayoed Hughie Smyth, 154½, of Westerly in the last round of a four rounder.

Jim Slade, 178, New York, won from Mickey Carter, 206, Brooklyn, when Carter was disqualified in the seventh round for not trying; Irish Bobby Lloyd, 136, Pittsburgh, won a unanimous decision from Cleve Simmons, 137, Philadelphia in a six; Johnny Pringle, 141¾, Boston, won a split decision over Izzy Angelo, 139¾, Providence, in a four. Ray Pratt, 158¾, Cranston, stopped George Myers, 156, Boston, in two.

Steve Marcello, 138¼, Providence, stopped Dick Stern, 138¼, Reading, Pa., in the third round. Charlie Smith, 202½, Boston, was kayoed in the first round of a sixer by Fred Baroza, 211½, Cranston; Greg Poulas, 177, Providence, outpointed O'Neill Shannon, 177, Boston, in six; Jimmy Squadritto, 146, Providence, outpointed Johnny Pringle, 142½, Boston, in six.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By Hugh Shannon

BUFFALO'S Phil Muscato came to the end of his fistic career on May 2 when the rock-like fists of Nick Barone pounded Muscato from pillar to post in their bout at Memorial Auditorium. When the fourth round ended Referee Eddie Seres walked over to Muscato's corner and asked Phil how he felt.

"I'm all right," said Phil. "I'll get going."

The referee wasn't satisfied. He looked at Dudo Parisi, Muscato's manager. Dudo spoke up immediately: "That's all. Stop the fight."

Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, examining physician for the New York State Athletic Commission, announced that he would recommend that Muscato be retired from the ring.

Nick Barone, a hard-punching fighter, was strong at 177 pounds. He made a big hit and will be back again as a topnotcher.

Up and coming Joey Giambra, 146¾, belted out Sammy Daniels, 150, of Baltimore, in three.

Dan Moray Clark, of Cleveland, won a slight edge over Johnny Kazmierzak in their six-round heavyweight tilt. Kazmierzak weighed 199, to Clark's 183½.

Hard-hitting Bruce Foote, 147½, won a six-round decision over Johnny Cunningham, of Baltimore. In the four-round opener Frank Basile, of Fulton, N. Y., 137, decisioned Lonnie Allison, 142, of Buffalo.

Joey De John is ready for the ring wars again. By the way, this column erroneously reported that De John's jaw was broken by Lee Oma. We got our Lee's mixed up. It was Lee Sala of Donora, Pa., who beat Joey and fractured his jaw last summer. De John wants another crack at Sala during the open air season.

A former Buffalo boxing referee, Richard J. (Dick) Coffey, has been appointed a Deputy U. S. Marshal for the Buffalo district.

The indoor boxing season in Buffalo is about over and both clubs, the Hudson Boxing Club and the Fairview A.C., wound up in the red. Lack of talent was the principal cause of the unsatisfactory season. There's nothing wrong with the fight game that new faces won't cure. Especially so, if the newcomers can fight.

Summer boxing in the Buffalo area has never proved successful. We have two harness racetracks within 30 miles from downtown Buffalo. Baseball draws well and summer places along the Niagara River get a heavy play. An outstanding fight will always attract a crowd.

Wrestling—Promoter Ed Don George will probably wind up his indoor grapple season the first week in June. This has been a great year for pro wrestling in Buffalo, with the Upstate Athletic Club enjoying its best year. Promoter George showed many new faces and some of the old ones who are drawing cards. By good matchmaking George gave the fans what they wanted. The outstanding cards in this area are Yukon Eric, Barney Bernard, Johnny Berrend, Gene Stanlee, Kaye Bell, High Lee, Strangler Bob Wagner, Rudy Dusek, Billy Watson, etc.

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CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By W. C. Steele

ST. JOHN, New Brunswick: Danny Webb of Montreal outpointed Ray Edwards of New York in a close ten-round scrap. Each scaled 135. Joe Harvey, up and coming Moncton welter, decisioned Howard Leslie of St. John in the six-round semi-final.

A new middleweight king reigns over Canada's fistic sons. Aggressive Roy Wouters, 158, of Montreal stopped the defending champ, George Ross, 156, at the Halifax Forum, in a title bout. The opening three rounds saw Ross carry the fight, then Wouters took over, administering a savage, systematic beating. He had Ross on the deck for counts in the seventh and ninth and a no count in the third round. Ross failed to answer the gong for the tenth round.

Keith Paris scored a K.O. over the frail-looking but rugged Red Graham in a two-round upset, lightweights. Dexter Connors of Truro and Jimmie McKenzie of Halifax punched away for a draw in a four-round featherweight fight.

Paddy McNeil, 140, of Glace Bay, copped a split decision over K. O. Steele, 141, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Attendance estimated at 4,500.

Joe Harvey outpointed Harry Poulton of Charlottetown in a ten-round feature presented by the Moncton Y's Men Club, Welters.

Tablehead A.C. opened the amateur fistic season in Cape Breton. Best action was the main go, Frank Wadden stopping Roy McMullen of Reserve in round four.

Please note heavyweight Jack Herman—we are holding your letter, contact us.

M. Rosenblum, K.C. dapper Sydney lawyer, has been appointed Secretary of the Cape Breton Boxing Commission. J. W. Maddin, K.C. veteran lawyer presides as chairman. Both ardent boxing fans and rarely ever miss a show.

Richard Howard, Maritime's top lightweight, is on the shelf with injured hands.

The new Canadian middleweight champion, Roy Wouters, has engaged in fifty-four contests and is a War veteran. He enlisted at the age of fifteen years and saw service through nearly the entire European campaign.

Will Nick Melenick contact us.

Your writer will take over Floyd Hogan nineteen-year-old middleweight with fifty amateur bouts who is turning pro.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By Jack Levinson

LIGHTWEIGHT VIRGIL LEE PEVERALL of Roanoke, formerly of Norfolk, made a decided hit in Cincinnati, Ohio, when he scored a one-sided decision over Al Dryden in a six-rounder.

Middle Atlantic All-Navy Boxing Tournament Results:

112 lbs.—Ralph Rule, 5th naval district won by forfeit from James Wogaman, Quantico.

118 lbs.—Thomas Newsome, Servern naval command, decisioned Earl Williams, Quantico.

126 lbs.—Tommy White, Quantico, decisioned Bobby Warren, 5th Naval district.

135 lbs.—Charles Baggett, Quantico, K.O.'ed Andrew La Perle, 5th Naval district, in 1:20 of the first round.

147 lbs.—Mario DeSantis, Quantico, K.O.'ed Melvin Eley, 5th Naval district, in 1:30 of the first round.

160 lbs.—Wilber Hollawai, 5th Naval district, won on a forfeit from Walt Stipanovich, Quantico.

175 lbs.—Tommy Thompson, Quantico, decisioned Gordon Jarrell, 5th Naval district.

Heavyweight—Jimmy Jones, 5th Naval district, decisioned Henry Abron, Servern Naval command.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

WATERBURY—Mara's Arena—Ray Famechon, 130, France, won a handy eight-round decision over Tony Longo, 128½, Baltimore, Md., before a large gathering. The Frenchman, although a good, busy fighter, did not impress as an outstanding contender. He did not appear to be a very hard puncher as he hit Longo with punches from every angle as he swarmed over the Baltimorean. Famechon turned the crowd against him by throwing Longo to the floor in the fourth round and hitting after the bell at the end of the fourth and fifth rounds. Although trailing on points it was Longo who brought the crowd to its feet as he engaged the visitor in a toe-to-toe exchange.

Manuel Battista, 124, New Bedford, Mass., battled to a six-round draw with Tommy Yamaoka, 121, Los Angeles, Calif., in a good fight. Eddie Plouffe, 166, Waterbury, belted out Sonny Scarofani, 164, Norwalk, in the second of a slam-bang battle slated for four heats.

Hartford Auditorium—Georgie Dunn, 134½, lightweight contender from Hartford, made a real bid for title recognition by spanking Sonny Boy West, 135, Washington, D. C., soundly in ten rounds. West was the aggressor throughout the battle while Dunn sidestepped and countered with left hooks to the head and body. In the fourth round, Dunn set West back on his heels with a two-fisted barrage. In both the seventh and ninth rounds Dunn forced West into the ropes where he pummeled him freely. Dunn was cut in the third round over the left eye. The referee was George Fitch.

Guy Guerrette, 147, Hartford, belted out Eddie Zack, 147, New York, in the second round of a sixer. Sonny Burke, 153½, Hartford, was stopped in the second round of a sixer by Chuck Goldsby, 161, Washington, D. C., who was reported to be making his pro debut. George Edmunds, 135, Hartford, continued to look good in stopping George Wright, 128, New York, in two heats.

Waterbury—Mara's Arena—Paddy DeMarco, 134, Brooklyn, punched out an easy win over Eduardo Carrasco, 132, Peru, in eight rounds. Referee Max Muravnick saw the Brooklyn fighter way out in front as he gave DeMarco six rounds, called one even, and gave Carrasco one, the fifth. A small gathering of 800 turned out for the fight.

Charles Patrick Henry, 185, Ireland, stopped Bobby Jefferson, 186, Brooklyn, in the second round of the six-round semi-final. Eddie Plouffe, 166, Waterbury, turned in another quick victory when he disposed of Rocco D'Amato, 160, New York, in the first round.

Hartford Auditorium—Henry Jordan, 147, Philadelphia, chalked up another win before the Hartford fans by taking the duke after ten rounds with Tommy Bell, 150, Youngstown, O. For the most part the battlers had their heads together and kept ripping hard punches at each other. Bell was wobbled several times in the ninth. A left hook in the final heat nearly decapitated him.

Guy Guerrette, 145, Hartford, ran into a tough customer in Dario Trevino, 148, Tamaqua, Pa., who took plenty of punishment before folding up in the third of a sixer. Shirley Pembleton, 180, Negro southpaw from Philadelphia, stopped an ill-conditioned Johnny Melko, 215, Worcester, Mass.

Waterbury—Mara's Arena—Vic Cardell, 146½, Hartford, regained the Connecticut welterweight championship by taking a one-sided twelve round decision from Tommy Ciarlo, 147, Waterbury. Cardell showed surprising boxing skill, in this their fourth joust. He displayed a neat left jab that seldom missed its mark. Ciarlo claimed afterwards that he had been weakened by injections he had been taking for hives. Referee Joe Currie scored the bout 57-53 but the fans and newsmen saw Cardell winning by a much wider margin.

Manuel Battista, 123, New Bedford, took a six-round decision from Tommy Yamaoka, 120, Los Angeles, in a rematch. Eddie Plouffe, 166, Waterbury, made short work of Gus Pimponio, 164, Paterson, N. J., whom he stopped in the first of a four spot.

New Haven Arena—Rocky Graziano, 161, New York, experienced little difficulty in disposing of Danny Boy Williams, 165, Detroit, Mich., in the third round of their scheduled ten spot. Williams went onto the defensive from the very start. He did throw a few punches, some of which landed, but none of them carried enough steam to knock off your hat. A right to the jaw in the first round made Williams' knees sag. It was not until just before the bell that Graziano was able to catch up with Williams again. A left hook felled him but the bell came to the Negro's rescue. In the second a left hook wobbled Williams. He was dropped later in the round with an overhand right to the jaw for a count of eight. A solid right flush on the button spilled Williams for the full count in the third round.

Sal Belloise, 161, New York, halted Tony Amato, 164, Hoboken, N. J., in the third of the semi-final. Art Suffoletta, 135, Stratford, eked out a narrow points win over Honey Elliott, 137½, Philadelphia, in an excellent six-rounder. Mike Gillo, 157, New Haven, belted out Harry Hall, 154, Philadelphia, in the third with a bolo punch. Sonny Scarofani, 162, Norwalk, and Jimmy Brown, 160, Bridgeport, battled to a four-round draw in a bruising bout.

Waterbury—Mara's Arena—Sandy Saddler, 132, New York, won a ten-round decision over Dave Sunny Shade (Jesse Underwood), 136, Boston, but was well aware that he was in a fight. Saddler let Shade set the pace and rattled in just enough hard left hooks in the first few rounds to keep an edge in the rounds. Shade busied himself with body blows but switched his attack to the head in the fourth round. It was in that frame that Saddler was caught off balance by a left hook and dropped for no-count. Saddler was unhurt but mighty surprised. Shade continued a forward march and time after time scored with an overhand right that landed with unerring accuracy. Saddler tried hard to score a knockout in the last few rounds but Shade took the best Sandy had to offer and kept right on pitching. It was Shade and not Saddler who gained the plaudits of the sellout crowd at the end of the battle.

Eddie Plouffe, 165, Waterbury, and Mike Gillo, 159, New Haven, nearly tore the house down with their six-rounder. Plouffe won but only after both fighters had been on the floor. Ray Reid, 136½, Hartford, survived a late rally by Joey Dell, 134½, New Haven, to take the decision in their six rounder.

State Athletic Commissioner Samuel H. Malkan has big ideas of revamping the boxing industry. He has made several changes since coming into office July 1st, 1949. Some of the changes are good and others appear meaningless. One of his first changes was the use of eight oz. gloves in pro bouts instead of six oz. He has insisted upon seconds wearing white jerseys or sweaters while working in the corners. He has changed the number of rounds that semi-pro boxers may fight from five to three. Beginners box two minute rounds and more experienced boxers box three minute rounds. Previously all rounds in the semi-pros were of two-minute duration and the boxers were allowed to box three or five rounds according to their ability.

Commissioner Malkan has instituted insurance for boxers participating in this state.

The commissioner's latest law is that in any bout in which a fighter suffers a cut serious enough to warrant stopping the fight, the boxer leading on points at that time is declared the winner. The decision as to whether or not a fighter is able to continue rests upon the shoulders of the attending physician. This will cause a great deal of confusion and make Connecticut the laughing stock of the boxing world. Malkan's knowledge of boxing is limited. He refuses to listen to any advice from newspapermen and boxing men alike.

Here and There Around the State—A new medico has been appointed to be the club physician at the New Haven Arena. He officiated for the first time at the Graziano-Williams card. . . . Vic Cardell was presented a championship belt following his victory over Tommy Ciarlo. Promoter Rocco Mara donated the belt which was presented by Lieut. Governor William T. Carroll, who is a regular rooter of Cardell's. . . . Mara has been doing an excellent job in Waterbury. . . . Republicans in the State House of Representatives propose a bill to abolish the State Athletic office. Under their plan the duties of the office would be carried on by the State Police. . . . This writer's address is Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

JAKE LAMOTTA, 169, world's middleweight boxing champion, outpointed Joe Taylor, 162½, Binghamton favorite, in a ten-round non-title bout before 6,500 fans at the Coliseum. The champ had Taylor on the run in the first three heats, keeping up a constant two-fisted barrage. Taylor opened an old cut over LaMotta's right eye in the third, but Joey was badly hurt in this round by Jake's heavy body bombardment. Taylor, as game as they come, jabbed, hooked and right-crossed the champ repeatedly, showing no fear of the titleholder, but LaMotta bulled him, walking into anything Taylor threw his way. Jake suffered a slash over his left eye in the seventh. In the ninth LaMotta again hurt Taylor. Jake dumped Taylor in the tenth for nine, but ran out of heavy ammunition and was unable to finish his man.

Referee Eddie Risko, and Judges Jack Michaels and Harvey Smith, gave six rounds to LaMotta. Risko found Taylor the winner of four, while the judges called it three for Joe and one even. Paid attendance of 6,428 fans resulted in a gross of $15,195.00.

Lee Bohles, 124¾, Cleveland, stopped Manuel Baptista, 128¾, New Bedford, Mass., in the fifth round of a slam-bang battle. Johnny Hogan, 154, Rome, halted Danny Junior, 148¾, Watertown, in the third. Lee Q. Murray, 129, Baltimore, knocked out Johnny Tovern, 127¼, Syracuse, in the first round. Glen Schmitte, 160¾, Liverpool, scored his fifth straight knockout when he put away Johnny DeLuscia, 148¾, of Syracuse, in the fourth round.

Nick (Bull) Barone, 177¼, Syracuse star, stopped Phil Muscato, 188, Buffalo, in the fourth round in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium before 3,201 fans. It was a bruising brawl while it lasted, but Muscato took such a severe lambasting his handlers refused to let him continue after the fourth round. Muscato was down for a nine count in the fourth after taking a hard left to the jaw.

The new War Memorial Auditorium now being constructed in Syracuse, in the heart of the city, is already being sought by three different groups, all hoping to land it for boxing. The two local fight clubs, Syracuse Sporting Club and the Central City Boxing Club are after dates.

Left-Hooks: An auto-truck collision in a driving rainstorm cost the life of 20-year-old Raymond Scudder of Campville, N. Y., known to Southern Tier ring fans as "Buster Kenney." . . . Five others were killed in the same accident. . . . Colorful Ralph DeJohn is aiding Joey in his conditioning preparations. . . . Jimmy Malerba is doing okay with Johnny Dell's gym. . . . If the New York State Athletic Commission wants to appoint a good boxing judge, one with plenty of experience in the game, they should not pass up Joe McCord. . . . Joe is now battling pneumonia in a local hospital, a foe he is sure to outpoint.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

REFEREE EARL BUTLER sent Lee Oma and Bill Weinberg, top rate heavyweights, to the showers in the seventh round of their slated ten-round fight at the Cincinnati Gardens on the night of May 3. He said both were butting and fouling each other.

The fight wasn't too terrific, but there was action.

The fighters were suspended for ten days. A total of 2827 cash fans paid a gross of $6,919 and a net $5,279 to see the show which the Becker brothers, Sam and Benny, promoted.

In the supporting bouts, Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, whipped Art Llanos, New York, in ten rounds, featherweights; and Wallace Buddy Smith, Cincinnati, stopped Jimmy Watkins, New York, three rounds, lightweights.

Eddie Burgin stopped Harry Trester in four heats and Ronnie Wulf won on a T.K.O. over Charlie Lee in one round.

On April 11 at Music Hall, Promoter Harry Hartman and Matchmaker Art Wirth staged a program which was headed by Artie Towne, New York, and Lou Gray, St. Louis. Sixteen hundred twenty-three fans paid gross $3529, net $2750 to see Towne win a three-round knockout over the Mound City middleweight.

Jimmie Welch, Columbus, won from Freddy Newbill of Cincinnati in ten rounds. Eddie Burgin stopped Dick Armstrong in four rounds. Don Smith won from Joe Harris in six and Virgil Lee Peverall beat Al Dryden in fours.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots . . . Art Wirth, formerly of Milwaukee, is doing a bang-up job as matchmaker for Harry Hartman's Socko Athletic Club . . . Promoter Joe Walling in Louisville is moving the ball in the right direction with the right matches which is fast putting the Louisville town on the fight map again. . . . Walling is also acting as matchmaker for the new Harlan, Ky., boxing club which starts operations in June under the direction of sportsman Murry Woroner of that city. . . .

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BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

HERE are the results of the month for April: Mar del Plata—In a good performance, Alfredo Giglio, 162, kayoed Osvaldo Rizzo, 158, in six.

Rosario—Vicente Acosta, 138, won the fight in the same way in the third round to kayo Martinez, 139.

Luna Park—Repeating his last performance against the same boxer, Angel Olivieri, 134, stopped Roberto Giminez, 137, in nine.

Miguel Rodriguez, 148, stopped Livio Sosa, 146, in six.

In the six round events, Luis Penedo, 139, outpointed E. Baldemar, 138, and Jose Rizzo outpointed O. Ramallo, 134. The gate was $3,975.

Posadas—Keeping up Juan Olmedo, 146, kayoed Jesus Fernandez, 146, in six.

Mendoza—After being floored in the fifth for six seconds, Kid Cachetada, 160, got the decision over R. Cerroni, 167, in a thrilling ten round bout.

Luna Park—Breaking all records in gate receipts and repeating his last successful performance, Jose Maria Gatica, 137, stopped the Uruguayan champ, Romero Rodriguez, 139, in eleven rounds.

In the semifinal, Pedro Cuevas and Dante Pereyra, draw. Both boys scaled 158 pounds.

Juan De Luca, 134, beat on points, Luis Sanchez, 132.

Heriberto Altamira, 146, defeated Jose Montalvo, 147, in four. The gate was $15,975.

Rosario—Juan Strano, 146, stopped Francisco Suriano, 147, in ten.

Posadas—The champ Ricardo Calichio, scaling two pounds more than the middleweight limit, chilled Antonio Moyano, 164, in the third. Juan Olmedo outpointed in ten rounds, Mateo Ramallo, 145.

Mar del Plata—K.O. Lausse, 154, after almost a year of inactivity, stopped Rafael Miranda, 160, in the sixth.

Mendoza—In a great bout Jose Oviedo, 156, drew with the middleweight champ, Ricardo Calichio, 162.

Zarate—Rafael Cerroni, 165, got the decision in ten rounds over E. Jover, 162.

Misiones—Juan Olmedo, 145, chilled Rosario Bazan, 147, in five.

Ferrocarril Oeste—The Argentine lightweight champ, Alfredo Prada, 136½, drew with the Spaniard, Jose Maria, Valdes, 137, in ten.

Cordoba—Enrique Jover, 162, lost to E. Vera, 165. It was a poor decision.

Luna Park—The hard punching Rafel Merentino, 162, kayoed Alfredo Giglio, 162, in two.

Heriberto Altamira, 147, stopped Salcedo, 146, in the 11th round.

The undefeated Vicente Acosta, 136, stopped Oscar Ramallo, 132, in two rounds.

Julian Meyer, 136, outpointed P. Soriano, 137.

Mar del Plata—In a slow fight, Antonio Cuevas, 152, defeated E. Jover, 162.

Luna Park—K.O. Lausse, 155, outpointed Jose Oviedo, 157, in a thrilling mill.

In the semi-final of eight rounds, J. C. Gonzales T.K.O.'ed Oscar Velazquez, 134, in four. Horacio Salvarezza, 137, kayoed Luis Sanchez, 135, in five.

Soriano, 137, TKO'ed J. Viejo in the third.

Posadas—Luis Penedo, 139, outpointed Siracussa, 139, in ten.

Mar del Plata—Julio Giardina got the decision over A. Igriega. Both scaled 148.

Mendoza—Kid Cachetada, scaling the middleweight limit, beat on points Alberto Daher, 158.

ADDITIONAL GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

PROMOTER Christian Schaadt put on a grand show at Krefeld in which Sachs, 79.5 kilo, and Hans Strelecki, 78.5, were in the main bout. Sachs won on a knockout in the fifth round.

Mathias Luyten, 67 kilo, beat Streicher, 72.5 kilo, on points. Rudolf Oremek, 85 kilo, drew with Winnfried Henne, 82 kilo.

The new Hamburg promoter, Hevama, must have been well pleased with his efforts, for his first show was packed with thrills and he had a full house. It was staged at the Police Sporthalle in Hamburg and 2,000 people filled the hall to see Richard Grupe and Gerhard Tiedtke in a heavy contest. Grupe, 96.5 kilo, seemed to take his opponent too easy, and it took him six rounds to beat Tiedtke. Tiedtke suffered from a broken jaw. Paul Schirrmann, light-heavy, 74.2 kilo, stopped Hermann Vermeulen, 77.5 kilo, in six rounds. Willie Hoepner, Germany's grand light-heavy prospect, 78.1 kilo, stopped Hans Baumann in three heats.

The game feather, Jungverdorben, took a surprise beating from Rhoda. He was down seven times.

The Italian, Micheale Marini, put in another appearance at Berlin and this time beat Gaffon on points.

The fight was put on by promoters Gretschel and Gottert in a large "Beer House."

In Munich, some 4,500 fight enthusiasts were well pleased with what they saw at their local show although four out of the five bouts ended inside the distance. Karl Oechsle, now thirty-five, was given a chance to prove that he is not past fighting, and did well to beat Franke inside eight rounds.

Hans Hafner, 61.7 kilo, beat Berthold Raeder, in two rounds.

Ludwig Petri, 60.9 kilo, beat Hirsch, 60.3 kilo, on points over six rounds. Petri was robbed of a knockout win when the gong saved Hirsch in the last round.

Seven thousand fight fans saw Peter Muller beat champion welter Walter Schneider in a non-title affair. Schneider had to retire after receiving a badly cut ear.

Dieter Hucks, light-heavy, drew with Gunter Bola, but had he not broken his left hand in the second round, he might have won.

Jim Lygget, lightweight from Berlin, did well to draw with Hans Schmitz.

Ex-lightweight champion Herbert Nurnberg was in good form to beat Pinsdorf on points.

Ex-middleweight champion Carl Schmidt, 72 kilo, drew with Singer, 70.2.

At Iserlohn, 3,000 fans saw Rudi Pepper beat Otto Bastian on points.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By Lawson Bampton

LAURENT DAUTHUILLE stepped into the forefront of the world's middleweight title challengers by unexpectedly stopping a surprisingly inept Steve Belloise in seven rounds at the Montreal Forum.

Dauthuille, 158, had far less trouble with Belloise, 161, than expected. After being shaken by a swinging left hook, the only good punch fired by the loser, the Frenchman stepped in with an overhand right that floored Belloise for a nine-count in the first minute or so. Dauthuille clipped him a few more then downed him again. The bell saved Belloise at "six."

He was floored for nine again in the second but managed to survive the round. However, he appeared to be in a daze the rest of the way and was taking a lacing against the ropes in the seventh when Referee Tommy Sullivan halted it. The fight drew 11,593 customers paying $44,353.

Armand Savoie, 135½, stretched his knockout string to thirteen straight when he smashed Young Junior, 136¾, into submission in the fourth round. Sal Belloise, 160¾, Steve's brother, scored a knockout over Mike Sobel, 167, in the fifth round.

Rocky Armando, 132, took a close decision over Rene Trudeau, 134, in a bristling six-rounder. In the opening sixer, Levis Cote, 145, outwalloped Jerry Laliberte, 140.

Last Minute Flashes—Armand Savoie failed to stretch his kayo streak to 14 straight when John (Spider) Thompson, of Buffalo, outfooted him in an eight-round main event at Toronto.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

IN a fierce fight which had all the earmarks of a street brawl, Philip "Wildcat" Kim, 141¾, scored a knockout win over Robert "The Ripper" Takeshita, 145½, in 50 seconds of the fifth round of a scheduled tenner in an outdoor fight held at the Honolulu Stadium.

The card drew a surprisingly large crowd of 10,629 fans for a gross gate of $26,071.65.

Takeshita took command of the battle with his very first punch, a short right to the jaw, which staggered the "Wildcat". Kim was hurt as he stumbled around the ring and Takeshita connected with several more solid lefts and rights to the face. One of these punches floored Kim for the first of three knockdowns in this round. Though he managed to struggle up to his feet at the count of eight, his legs were still shaky and a short time later he went down for the second time from another barrage of blows to the face. He took a seven count.

Just a short time before the round ended Kim went down once again for an eight count, this time from a right to the midsection. He was still a very easy target to hit and it was just one of those things that made the usually sharpshooting Takeshita miss with his best punches at the most crucial time.

Displaying remarkable recuperative powers, Kim made a sensational comeback in the second round and surprised everyone, including Takeshita, by carrying the fight to his opponent. He found the range with his powerful left hooks and started bullying the fast-tiring Takeshita, who apparently had shot his bolt in the torrid first round.

In the third and fourth rounds Kim continued to dominate the fight. Completely recovered from the beating of the initial heat Kim was now outpunching Takeshita at the rate of two or three to one. Takeshita fought back in spurts but he was no longer in the fight and it was just a matter of how long he could keep on absorbing the terrific punishment.

The end came suddenly and unexpectedly in the fifth when Kim backed Takeshita to the ropes with a left hook and followed it up with a short right. Takeshita fell through the ropes at the impact of the blow. For a second or two he looked stunned but he climbed back and was on his knees when the referee finished the count.

Other results: Ray Carvalho, 125½, decisioned Bobby Acusta, 124½, six rounds. Jerry Mendoza, 154½, knocked out Willie Jackson, 151¼, in the second. Bobby Sanders, 121, beat Gus Rosa, 123½, four rounds. In the four-round opener, James Masuda, 130, outpointed Willie Gonzales, 130.

Carl "Bobo" Olson, fighting for the first time since losing to Dave Sands in Australia, in early April, readily beat Roy Miller of Kansas City by scoring a T.K.O. win in the sixth round at the Civic Auditorium. Miller suffered a fractured jaw, apparently from Olson's solid right in the fourth, managed to last the fifth round although he was in pain throughout, but was unable to answer the bell for the sixth. An examination between rounds by the commission physician revealed the fracture. The fight was promoted by Augie Curtis and grossed $4,664.25.

Just when the fans were getting disgusted because of a lack of action, Olson suddenly exploded a right flush to Miller's jaw. The blow staggered Miller and his mouthpiece went flying. Olson followed up quickly, backing Miller into the ropes, but was unable to land another good blow in time and Miller weaved himself out of danger.

Early in the fifth Olson connected with another right and Miller was finished for the night although he survived the round.

Carl Olson weighed 164¾ to Roy Miller's 158¾.

Jerry Mendonza, 153¾, upset Reno Abellira, 157, in the sixth round semi-final which proved the best fight of the evening.

Carl Arakaki, 130¾, decisioned James Matsuda, 129¾, in five rounds. Freddy Gonsalves, 127, knocked out Lou Langley, 132½, in the fourth and final round. Gus Rosa, 121½, beat Bobby Sanders, 121¾, in four rounds.

Scoring the only knockdown of the fight, Carl Arakaki, 128¾, won a split decision over Bobby Acusta, 127, in an eight round fight at the Civic Auditorium under the promotion of Leo Leavitt. The knockdown proved the difference between a win or a loss for the Nisei puncher who fought in spurts and looked good at times and awfully bad at others. Carl was especially good in the fourth and sixth rounds when he rocked his man with jaw blows.

Most of the other rounds were fought on even terms, with the shade, if any, going to Acusta, who generally appeared more accurate with his punches.

Willie Jackson, 148¼, decisioned Willie Caesar, 150, in six rounds. Placido Torres, 130¼, won over Marciel Baptiste, 132½, in four rounds. Masa Goda, 127½, knocked out Willie Gonzales, 129, in the second of four. Henry Lee, 136¾, won a K.O. over Manuel Correa, 140½, in the second round of the opener.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP
By Charley Parrish

MADRID—Juanito Martin, the veteran welter, was fortunate to obtain a victory over the new middle king, Eduardo Lopez. Martin was dropped in the fifth by a blow declared too low by the judges. Olivares, lightweight champion of Castile, defeated Orosa, and Modesto Asencio whipped Torralba, bantams.

At the Paris Stadium—Andre Schmitt outscored Dominique Lamarra, welters, and Georges Clausener defeated Jacques Billy, also welters.

Renato Tontini, Italian light-heavy king and contender for the vacant European crown, chilled Guglielmo Pancani in the tenth round of their title fray in Pistoia.

In French rings—Gilbert Stock edged Jean Wanes over ten in their middle clash at Rennes, whilst in Paris, Arturo Paoletti of Italy, whipped Sam Conforti, France, bantams, at the Elysee-Montmarte. Aime Lombard outscored the Parisian welter king, Dan Debouclon, over ten. At the Salle Wagram, another of France's very active welters, Gil Lavoine, chilled Charles Derry, in three.

In Switzerland, the Italian welter, Gian Negri, stopped Ilario Monteyra of Portugal, at Bienne, in the fifth. At Lausanne, French middleweight comer Georges Royer, flattened Antonio Tolone, Italy, in seven. Schwab, the Swiss feather, trimmed Louis Magrin of France.

Valde Fusaro, Italian lightweight, defeated the Belgian prospect, Colvin, over ten at Vercelli. At Sassari, Marconi drew with Melis, lightweights, and Polidori drew with Colombino, feathers.

In Rome—Luigi Male won from Leandre Mateos, French lightweight. Best bout was delivered by a featherweight, Funaro, who tore into French K.O. artist, Marcel Lesage and stopped the Frenchman in six.

In Italy's fight-capital, Milan, Durante Coletti beat Jo Fernandez of France, in ten. Carlo Mola edged the youthful Bellotti (welters).

Piet Wilde, the Belgian heavy champ, beat Emile Bentz, who is now fighting as a heavy. Charles Odon, the Belgian No. 2 lightweight, upset Roger Baour by defeating the French champ, whilst Michel Dicky captured the vacant bantam crown by trimming veteran Fernand Van Houche over twelve.

At Bilbao, Spain—Agustin Argote scored a rapid win over Franco Peiro, knocking out the veteran welter in two. Juan Cristobal whipped Cuenca in eight, flyweights. At Barcelona, Segura became the new Spanish lightweight king when he iced Viaplana in the ninth. Luis Martinez outpointed Puig, flyweight, and Gonzalo whipped Vittori, feathers.

Svend Wad was very fortunate to gain a draw with Ben Miloud, the Moroccan whirlwind lightie in Copenhagen. Carl Nielsen had his last fight in a Danish ring when he beat Prosper Beck of Belgium. Erik Jensen clearly outpointed Eli Elandon in their return bout, light-heavies. Chris Christensen whipped Valere Benedetto, France, welters.

Luc Van Dam re-established himself after being defeated by Claude Ritter, when he stopped Jacques Royer-Crecy in the third round, at Amsterdam. The Frenchman retired with a fractured bone in the nose. Hannes Schneyders regained the Dutch feathers title by outscoring the holder, Jan Maas, whilst Walter Kraus defeated Jan Nicolaas in their return match, over eight, lightweights.

In a gory combat at Alexandria, Egypt, Luigi Di Mauro beat Georges Grispos, the Greek middle.

Jan Sneyers, the first-class Belgian flyweight star, added the name of Louis Skena to his long list of victories in Brussels. At Maubeuge, Belgium, lightweight Edgard Delannoit whipped Louis Atta, champion of Flanders, over ten.

In Paris, Gilbert Ussin whipped Emile Chochon, welters and Louis Simoniello won over Calamari, light-heavies. At the Palais des Sports, the Tunisian Terror, Hadi Tijani, proved his superiority in the bantam division by whipping Theo Medina, the French champion. Bobby Dawson made his second appearance a victorious one by beating Lucien Caboche over ten. Jean Stock drew with Claude Ritter, in a middleweight contest. Pierre Langlois trimmed Titi Clavel and lightweight Jacques Dehaye continued his winning way by beating Joseph Morales on points.

In Helsinki, the new promoting combine of Piitulainen and Hagmann got away to a flying start with Elis Ask as the main attraction. Ask defeated the French slugger, Franck Hermal. Sulo Gustafsson, a rugged middle, was outpointed by the Franco-Pole, Jean Wanes, and Leo Lindberg won a lightweight contest over Erkki Piispa. Sulo Seitola fought a draw with undefeated Leo Ljungberg, bantams.

At Cagliari, Sardinia—Carlo Mola took the nod over Salvatore Sanna, welters. Melis and Diori drew over eight, lightweights.

In Milan, Valde Fusaro took a ten-round verdict from the Frenchman, Jean Labalette, lightweights, whilst the bantam hope, Gianni Zuddas, stopped Giani Capobianchi in the third.

Arbace Pavan won a foul from veteran Gino Bondavalli in the eighth heat of their feathers bout at Verona.

At Perugia, the bantam champ, Amleto Falcinelli, and the flyweight champ, Otello Belardinnelli, fought a draw over eight rounds. Ivano Fontana, the promising middleweight defeated Franco Sconfietti.

Jan De Bruin, the only Dutch fighter with a clean slate for the season, defeated Michel Lapourielle over ten hectic rounds in Rotterdam. Guy Toupe, French welter, defeated Wim Ludwig on points.

At Marseilles, Valere Benedetto drew with Gilbert Ussin, welters. At Oran, Antonio Soldevilla beat the local star, Kid Marcel, over eight rounds. Another Spaniard, lightweight Roberto Ruiz, defeated Benazzou on points. At the Salle Wagram, Paris, Lucien Corenthin did well in stopping rugged Andre Lefranc in six rounds, light-heavies. At Le Mans, Henri Hecquard, local welter ace, forced Edmond Lucidarme of Belgium to retire in the sixth.

At Evreux, Pierre Langlois stopped Jean Bechart in seven, also welters, and at Metz, Jean-Jacques Invernizz whipped Fernando LaMarra over ten, middles.

Madrid—Juanito Martin blasted the hopes of young Renato Aiello, the young Italian middle, when he stopped the invader in the seventh. The current welter king, Antonio Monzon, stopped Egea in three. Bantam Luis Casal forced Luis De Lucas to retire in the fifth, and lightweight star Pedro Jiminez whipped Ribot in eight.

Hans Stretz retained the German middles title when he fought challenger Gerhard Hecht to a split decision in Berlin. The Italian middle Michele Marini fought another draw, with Jackie Jacobsen, whilst Rudi Pepper and Carl "Kuddl" Schmidt battled to a third contest with honors shared. At Dortmund, Heinz Neuhaus, a youngster with a destructive wallop, flattened Hans Joachim Dragestein in one, a defeat which has caused the latter to retire.

Albert Yvel retained the French cruiser title at Algiers when he stopped Jacques Hairabedian in seven rounds. Welter Champ Charles Humetz stopped Oucissa in nine rounds whilst Sadok Bahri was beaten by Auguste Caulet, lightweights.

At Tunis, Kid Andre took a ten-round decision from Guy Josseau, bantams, and Spanish lightweight Bartolone Marti beat Young Siki on points.

Caliostro Etter, the Swiss bantam, reversed a previous defeat when he whipped Jean Senhadj over ten rounds at Chaux des Fonds, Switzerland.

After a row of successes, Jan De Bruin suffered a cut eye and was stopped in five against Gilbert Stock at Amsterdam. Harry Bos, the welter champ, was unlucky to lose on points to Claude Ritter of France, and the sole Dutch victory was registered by light-heavy champ Willy Schagen, who stopped the Belgian, De Kegel, in four.

Amleto Falcinelli retained the Italian bantam title by battling to a draw with Tino Cardinale, at Firenze. Gianni Zuddas stopped Giani Copabianchi in six.

In Milan, Ernesto Formenti whipped Georges Mousse over ten, feathers, and Pino Facchi beat Stefano Bellotti, welters. Diulio Loy, promising lightie, defeated Jan Nicolaas of Holland in ten.

Joergen Johansen, a great lightweight prospect, took his chance in Copenhagen when he outpointed by a small margin Elis Ask. This makes the Dane No. 1 in Scandinavia. Asger Warburg whipped Camille Mombaert of Belgium, feathers, and Anker Schone defeated Gaston Vandensos, bantams.

Pierre Langlois stopped Pierre Mougin in four at Rouen, France, welters. Mustapha trimmed Ray Toussant, feathers.

At Melum—Julien Borzestowski flattened Andre Jacquet in two, heavies. At Laon, Gil Lavoine beat Andre Vercoutter, welters.

In Luxembourg, the local heavy ace, Werner Wiegand, made short work of the Italian, Terzo del Pin, whom he stopped in the first. Luc Van Daele, France, defeated Invernizzi, France, middles, and Umberto Molinaro, Italy, stopped Roger Behm, Luxembourg, in six. Franz Ehringer, local, won on a foul from Jean Herlem, France, middles, and Leon Roller, local, trimmed Robert Dekeukelier, Belgian, welters.

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The winner of the Marcel Cerdan belt is Fernando Jannilli, the excellent Italian, who had little trouble in beating Albert Heyen over twelve rounds at La Louviere.

At Amay in Belgium, middleweight Etienne Delannoit distanced Lou Bartels over eight. At Namur, lightweight comer Ray Souply beat Jo Iturbe of Spain, and in Brussels Kid Dussart had plenty on his plate when he tackled young Gus Perrot, who took the experienced kid to a split decision.

At Tournai, Josef Preys won from Franck Hermal in ten rounds. Ernest Chalono of Martinique, stopped Jean Pierre, the Belgian heavy, in five.

In France, at Dijon, Francis Bonnarde, feather king, retained his laurels by trimming Jean Archambaud over fifteen rounds. At the Central, Paris, Maurice Forni beat Jacques Legendre over ten, feathers, and Fernand Guillo beat Jean Szienkiewicz, feathers.

At the Salle Wagram, Emile Bentz halted Leonard Riva in two, heavies. Light-heavies Reino Giovanni and Andre Guedj battled to a draw. At the Paris Stadium, Henri Houdelet outscored Antoine Say over ten, feathers.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

A LEFT hook to the tummy was the message Billy Lima, 125, Miami, sent Jose Garcia during the fifth round of their headliner at Coral Gables Coliseum to score a knockout. Lima dropped Garcia with this same type blow in the opening chapter but fell back in the next and was forced to visit the canvas himself in the third.

Jackie O'Brien, 143, Tampa, and Johnny Burke, 140, Miami, drew in six. Billy Scholes, 134, Tampa, opened Saul Cantor's, 132, eye in the fifth and was awarded a KO. In a sixer, Joe Brunwasser, 154, decisioned Al Graves, 159, and Gene Spangler, 137, knocked out Ray Diaz, 135, in the second heat.

At Jacksonville, Jesse Wilson (Johnny Black is the same fellow), and Charley Padalino drew in ten rounds of a light-heavyweight bout. Jackie O'Brien, 142, drew in six with Jimmy Leach, 147. Bobby Brooks, 130, beat Narty O'Keefe, 134, in four. Frank Leach, 134, defeated Billy Sellers, 134 (four); Al (Kid) McCoy, 142, won over Tommy Thompson, 147 (four); and Lamar Tate, 122, bested Bill Sheridan, 121 (four).

Abel Cestac, 218, Argentine heavyweight, scored a four round knockout over Buddy Scott, 188, Jacksonville, in the top bout at Charlotte, N. C., before a crowd of 3,000. Cestac decked the Jaxon for a nine count before the coup de grace. The loser contributed to his own downfall in that round when he sent home an overhand right to Cestac's head that buckled the South American's knees, and that's when Abel woke up. Like an angry bull, he charged at Scott, inflicting punishment before the lights went out for Buddy.

Joe Lassiter, 158, a home town product, floored Earl Kesterson, 158, Greenville, S.C., three times in the eighth and final round to take the eight-heat semi. Dodo Wright, 143, Spartanburg, decisioned Doc Denaux, 142, Charleston, and Charlie Ferguson, 138, beat Ted Rippey in the opening sixer.

Glen Hendershot, 148, Miami, fought a ten round draw with Billy Spangler, 151, Shelby, N. C., in the feature scrap at Coral Gables. Al Graves, 161, Miami, beat Joey Brunwasser, 156, of Pittsburgh. Saul Cantor, 130, University of Miami student, kayoed Jimmy Brown, 126, Jacksonville, in the first heat. Gene Spangler, 135, brother of Billy, kayoed Jimmy Connelly, 135, Hartford, in the third. Lloyd Willis, 185, Miami, knocked out John Carter, 183½, Washington, D.C., in round three.

EDDIE GREENE, Kannapolis boxer, scored a four round knockout over Johnny Wilder, in the top bout at Concord, N. C. Greene showed exceptional hitting power in this fracas as he dumped Wilder twice in the third, and three times in the fourth when the bout was stopped. Ted Tegle, Charlotte, won a four rounder from Max Talbot. Ray Lancaster defeated Eddie Kiernan in a sixer. Ray Perkins got a four round kayo win over Dave Lockerbie.

Bobby Elliott, 147, Louisville, knocked out Billy Moore, 148½, of Canada and Miami, in the top tangle at the Dinner Key Auditorium, Miami.

Chico Pacheco, 153, Brazilian, found substitute Jimmy Leach, Daytona Beach, much to his liking and came through with a six round kayo. Pacheco decked Jimmy, 148, several times. Frank Leach, 130½, beat Kid Miranda, 129, in four. Allie Ridgeway, Jr., 149, who looks like he has the makings thus far, defeated Jimmy Roberts, 144¾, in four rounds. John Carter, 185, scored a three round kayo over John Fowler, 182.

At Jacksonville, Danny Ruggerio, 165, defeated Charley Padalino, 164, in ten rounds. Mickey Dunn, 135, and Narty O'Keefe, 134, drew (six). Van Bevil, 156, beat W. H. (Billy) Bennett, 154, (four). Jimmy Leach, 147, stopped Tommy Hatcher, 144. Eddie Outlaw, 156, TKO'ed Tex McAllister, 160. Frank Leach, 130, decisioned Billy Sellers, 135, (four).

Art Montana, 125, Tampa, handed Jimmy Carrolla, 122, of Orlando, his first defeat in the pro ranks by taking the six round main event at Orlando. In a sixer, Claude Rolfe, 180, Tampa, held Candy McDaniels, 178, to a standstill.

Unable to land a finishing blow but nevertheless punishing his opponent at will throughout the ten rounder, Fabela Chavez, one of the best looking youngsters to show in Florida this season, decisioned Jose Colon Garcia in the feature bout at Tampa. Billy Scholes, Tampa lad, decked Bill Fisher, Lakeland, three times and went on to cop the lightweight six rounder. Jackie O'Brien, another youngster showing to advantage, defeated Red Taylor in a welter sixer. Jimmy Russo drew with George Andrews in a four round heavyweight affair, and Ray Diaz won from Jim Sterling in a lightie four.

Billy Brown, 165, kayoed Chico Pacheco, 156, in six. T. J. Bevel, 186, kayoed Ray Brown, 186, (two). Mickey Dunne, 144, beat Jimmy Maddox, 148, (four). Jimmy Geise, 166, beat Earl Carter, 168, (four). Van Bevil, 160, decisioned W. H. (Billy) Bennett, 160, (four). Tommy Hatcher, 147, defeated Billy Sellers, 141, (four). These bouts took place in Jacksonville.

On the Eddie Compo-Don Bowman card at West Palm Beach, Jose Colon Garcia, 129, Puerto Rico, defeated Pete Noka, 131, Detroit, in six. Jimmy Russo, 207, Tampa, TKO'ed Joe Brown, Boston, 185, in two. Henry Broad, 139, New Orleans, stopped Bobby Fuller, 142, in the second. Jackie O'Brien, 140, Meriden, Hartford, and Tampa, beat Billy Russo, 145, in a sixer. Russo is from Miami.

We are thankful to THE RING Magazine for more than one or two reasons, for it is through The Bible of Boxing that I am again in contact with two of the finest pals anywhere, Chick Kucharski, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and E. C. Blizzard, of Hampton, Va. Chick and E. C. were my company-mates with that swell hospital unit, the 60th Medical. Will deeply appreciate hearing from any of my swell buddies.

Billy Spangler, Shelby, N. C., and Miami, defeated Jimmy Leach, of Daytona Beach, in a welterweight match at Tampa. Jimmy Russo, Tampa heavyweight, kayoed Joe Brown, Boston, in three. Angel Chavez, California, kayoed Tommy Hatcher, Jacksonville and Pensacola, in three. Al (Kid) McCoy, Georgia and Daytona Beach, decisioned Bobby Fuller in a welter go. Red Taylor defeated Frankie Leach.

In a heavyweight feature at Gastonia, N. C., Big Bill Wilson, 226, of Hickory, scored a knockout in 1:20 of the fourth round over the lighter Jimmy Hughes, 188, of Charlotte.

Ranking middleweight contender Lee Sala, 160, Donora, Pa., kayoed Hal Meredith, 160, Macon, Ga., in two rounds.

Jackie O'Brien, 143, Connecticut youngster making Tampa his home for the time being, defeated Angel Chavez, 146, California, in the eight round semi. Billy Scholes, 132, and Henry Broad, 136, drew in a 6-round slam-banger. Jimmy Russo, Tampa heavyweight, was too much for Johnny Wilder, Macon battler, and Jimmy, over 30 pounds heavier than his opponent, took a three-round kayo victory. Ralph Pearson, Macon welter, kayoed Paul Grant, 146, of Miami, in the fifth.

Frankie Abrams, 149¼, had a fight on his hands when he tangled with Bobby Elliott, 146¾, in the ten round main bout at Miami's Dinner Key Auditorium, but his cleverness was just right to gain him a close nod over the Louisville-Miami boy before 1200 fans. Referee Petey Sarron, former featherweight champ, called it a draw. Judges Monty Monroe, 99-95, and Bud Elliott, 98-95, saw Abrams. Billy Kilgore kayoed Charley Padalino in the opening round. Jackie Cunningham and Bobby Fuller drew in four heats and Tiger Fulton scored a two round technical kayo over Sugar Boy Williams.

Our thanks to RING Magazine correspondent Felipe J. C. Galang, for his swell mail received last month. Felipe, your request is on its way to you.

Sonny Luciano's, 141½, win streak came to an end with a defeat coming at the hands of Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 145½, at West Palm Beach. The pair had previously travelled to a ten round draw and the returner brought out another packed audience. DeFazio gave a top performance in ring generalship and won the bout with a good bit to spare. He cleverly avoided Sonny's accurate uppercut and tied up his man when in close.

Johnny Wolgast, 132, Philadelphia, won a decision from Pete Noka, 132, Detroit, in a rough fight. A four round stopper was garnered by Fabela Chavez, 130 pound Hollywood, Californian, over Santiago Kid, 131, of Monterrey, Mexico. Jackie O'Brien, 142, of Connecticut, decisioned Al (Kid) McCoy, 143, of Georgia and Daytona Beach, in a sixer. Jimmy Leach, 145, beat Lefty Torres, 146, Havana, in the opening sixer. Leach is from Daytona Beach.

Ken Stribling, 167, Washington, D.C., light-heavyweight boxer, took a three round knockout victory over Jumping Joe Green, 163, of Asheville, N.C., in the top bout at Asheville. The triumph came when Green landed a hard left partly to Ken's chin and elbow, causing Joe's arm to break just below the elbow.

Tommy Kilpatrick, Hendersonville scrapper, suffered a knockout in the second round at the hands of Charlie Porter. Carl Chastain, Asheville, beat Chick Hammond in a six round welterweight go. Chastain banged away with both hands and gave Hammond a good body lacing. Gerald Hester, 150, Spartanburg, decisioned Artie Cutshaw, 154, Asheville, in a four.

Bill Heydorn, former New York fight promoter, is doing well at Melrose, not far from Jacksonville, am glad to report. The veteran figure's health is much better and he does okay in breeding English bulldogs and boxers.

At Jacksonville, Henry Schillizzi, 129, beat Mario Chico Morales, 126, in ten rounds. Bobby Brooks, 130, defeated Indian Jimmy Maddox, 135, (five). Jack Mullis, 150, outpointed Van Bevil, 158, (four). Tommy Hatcher, 144, stopped Roy Willoughby, 146, (one). Ike Lewis, 156, beat James Tippin, 150, (four).

Johnny Black (Jess Wilson), 167, Jacksonville, scored a ten round decision over K.O. Garvin at Aiken, S.C., Black came out of the fight with a broken hand. Doc Denaux beat Bobby Heafner, Charlotte middleweight, in a sixer. Corky Cain kayoed Henry Mosely in three. Bobby Ready did likewise over Hoss Milligan. Earl Watkins won from Sonny White, and Carlton Jackson defeated Jimmy Gibson.

At Aiken, Johnny Black decisioned Freddie Kreuger, of Charleston.

Closing the fight season at West Palm Beach, Fabela Chavez, 126, of Hollywood, California, defeated Johnny Wolgast, 126, of Philadelphia, in the eight rounds before some 800 fans. Billy Spangler, 148, outpointed Angel Chavez, 144, in eight. Joe Brown, 182, of Boston, drew in six with Joe Barrett, 178, San Francisco. Jackie O'Brien, 140, classy Connecticut lad, kayoed Barney Taylor, 139, of Utica, N. Y., in the fifth. Billy Scholes, 126, of Tampa, stopped Jimmy Bruton, 124, Springfield, Mass., in three.

In one of the best fights seen in Tampa this season, Billy Lima, of Miami, and Orlando Fernandez, of Tampa, engaged in a torrid tenner. By forcing the action, Lima gained two of the three official votes, while the dissenting termed it a draw.

Billy Scholes, youthful Tampa mittster, knocked out Jimmy Bruton, Springfield, Mass., and West Palm Beach. The end came in the fourth. Jackie O'Brien, Connecticut, beat Bobby Fuller in a sixer, both welters, while in a heavyweight scrap, Jimmy Russo, of Tampa, decisioned Joe Brown, of Boston, in six.

Henry (Pappy) Gault, undefeated Spartanburg speedster, followed with another win over Julius (Jackie) Luke, of Jacksonville, in the ten round feature at Augusta, Ga.

Billy Spangler, 150½, from Shelby, N. C., and Miami, drew with Jimmy Leach, Daytona Beach, 149, in a ten round bout at Coral Gables. The family honor was decided with the Spanglers holding an edge as brother Gene (Spangler), 138, decisioning brother Frank (Leach), 131, in another bout, a sixer. Johnny Burke, 141, beat Al (Kid) McCoy, 142, in six. Frank Plaschke, 190, won a four round kayo over Joey Brown, 185. Sugar Boy Williams defeated Tiger Tippy Fulton, 130, in a four.

Billy Spangler and Jimmy Leach drew in eight rounds at Daytona Beach. In another eight, Al (Kid) McCoy won over Ted Makey. Gene Spangler and Frank Leach carried on the Spangler-Leach fistic feud, with Gene again winning over Frank in a five rounder. Narty O'Keefe, with a left hand digging at Steve Morgan's breadbasket, scored a four round knockout over the Miamian. Jimmy Marshall kayoed Ralph Shepard in three.

Joe Lassiter scored a ten round decision over Gene Gunther in the feature scrap at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Please send in all boxing notes and results before the fifth of each month for publication in this column. All Southern news is more than welcome. And any fight clippings and information that can be carried in our Jacksonville Journal and Ocean Beach Reporter boxing columns, "Ringside News" will be appreciated. Boxers without managers wishing to show in Florida or other spots we have good contact with, can do well by writing your correspondent at the following addresses: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida, Phone, 6-0182, and in care of Sports Department, Jacksonville Journal, Jacksonville, Florida.

BOXING NOTES FROM AKRON, OHIO
By Tommy Maxwell

RONNIE DELANEY, Akron's hard-punching middleweight, copped the decision over Anton Raadik, tough Estonian, who weathered a rough first round to last out the full routed ten heats. The old vet kept boring in and both he and Delaney were tired boys at the finish.

O'Dell Riley veteran Detroit heavy, knocked out Johnny Swanson in the fourth round.

Bucky Gardner, bantamweight, making his professional debut in a great battle, defeated Eddie Marsh, Johnstown, Pa. Johnny Paoletti rang up another K.O. win, this time over Eddie Davis.

Chet O'Kelly, former lightweight king of Ohio, has just returned from a trip to Europe, having seen the Mills-Maxim fight. Chet visited Rome, Italy, Paris and other places of interest.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By George Ross

MASSIMO SANNA of Italy, won a ten-rounder from Jimmy Warren of New York, at the Valley Arena, Holyoke.

Billy Hazel of New York, fought a draw with Ray Reed of Hartford, Ct., in a sixer, lightweights. Johnny Ford of Philadelphia, Pa., stopped Young Tiger Flowers of Worcester, Mass., in the first round. Artie Burke of Worcester, Mass., won a five-rounder over Jimmy Brown of Bridgeport, Ct., middleweights. Lloyd Hudson of Bath, Me., T.K.O.'ed Ben Riviere of Worcester, Mass., at the end of the third round. Riviere was too cutup. Hector Maldenado of Brooklyn, N. Y., gained a six-round decision over Jimmy Gag of New Haven, Ct.

Eddie Compo of New Haven, Ct., only received a draw in his bout with Harry LaSane of Houston, Texas. Compo in my mind had the edge, but a draw was all right, as LaSane is the card in Holyoke, and a good little fighter when he wants to fight. Lightweights. Al Wilson of New York stopped Frankie Foley of New Haven, Ct., in the second round. Welterweights. Leon Brown of Hartford, Ct., won a split decision over Gordon Ifill of Boston, Mass., in a six-round bout.

Percy Bassett of Philadelphia, Pa., scored a knockout over Mario Pacheco in the tenth round at the Valley Arena. Pacheco was down three times in the tenth, when the bout was stopped. Jimmy Lawrence, Philadelphia, Pa., knocked out Mike Saad of Manchester, N. H., in the third round. Middleweights. Eddie Freeman of Worcester, Mass., won a split verdict from Pete Noka of Brockton, Mass., in six rounds. Harry Poulton of Montreal, Canada, won a split decision over Ray Reed of Hartford, Ct., in a five-rounder. Roger Lessard of Manchester, N. H., won a decision over Ben Riviere of Worcester, Mass., in the opening five-rounder. Lightweights.

Roland La Starza of the Bronx, N. Y., knocked out Jimmy Walls of Englewood, N. J., in the third round at the Valley Arena, Holyoke. Artie Burke of Worcester, Mass., won a split decision from Jimmy Brown of Bridgeport, Ct., in a six-round bout. Art Jarrett of Worcester, Mass., won a six-round bout from Freddie Greenfield of Garfield, N. J. Lightheavies. Eddie Freeman of Worcester, Mass., won a six-round bout over Earl Carroll of Haverhill, Mass. Terry Wilson of Worcester, Mass., won a five-round bout from Jimmy Giles of Garfield, N. J.

The Century Sports, Inc., will open up at West Springfield, Mass., on June 5, Joe DeMaria the matchmaker. DeMaria has Irving Feinstein and Mr. Freedman for his backers. They also operate boxing clubs in North Adams and Pittsfield, Mass.

There is talk of another boxing club opening up at the Riverside Park, Agawam, within bus range of Springfield, Mass.

Sammy Walker has been on the sidelines since he broke his hand in his bout with Charlie Anglee of Providence, R. I.

There will be lots of work for fighters in this vicinity in the summer months. Boxers without managers, unattached, can get bouts around the western part of New England by contacting me at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING Around—Boxing has returned to Asbury Park. Gene Jones, young Camden heavyweight has arrived in Germany for a tour of Europe's fight clubs. Charlie Williams, classy Newark welterweight, will leave soon for Australia for three fights. Charlie fought there during the war in service bouts. Robert Villemain, French middleweight contender, makes his home in Atlantic City while he is in this country.

Results of local fighters in out-of state rings—Lee Oma beat Vern Mitchell, but was disqualified in a bout with Bill Weinberg; Joe Baksi K.O.'ed Bernie Reynolds; Pat Cominskey K.O.'ed Art Henri; Charlie Fusari defeated Joey Carkido; Henry Jordan upset Tommy Bell; Rudy Pasco K.O.'ed Joe Aponte Torres; Johnny Darby lost to Vinnie D'Andre; Claude Hammond upset Hy Metsler; Jimmy Walls was stopped by George Kaplan and Roland LaStraza; Keene Simmons split two decisions with Sonny Parasi; Hurley Sanders drew with Joe Trope; Oliver Brenton lost to Art Llanos; Johnny Breeze held Billy Bosso to a draw; Eddie Edwards lost to Roger Donohue; Robert Villemain scored over Otis Graham; Clint Miller lost to Filbeto Osiro.

Results for the Month—Atlantic City, Leon Daughtry, 144, Washington, D. C., proved that his first win over Charlie Williams was no fluke by again outpointing the Newark 148-pounder in eight fast rounds. Daughtry looks like a real comer in the welter division. Only 19 years old and very tall, he could well grow into a middleweight, Don Ellis, 159, Atlantic City, again outpunched Van Butler, 158, Trenton, in six fast rounds. In a six-round slugfest, Lloyd Tate, 146, Philadelphia, won from Billy Whye, 140, also of Philly. Whye, down in the first, dropped Tate in the sixth. Cliff Evans, 129, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Angel Malavex, 129, Philadelphia, three. Freddy Williams, 128, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Marvin Hickman, 130, Philadelphia, one.

Newark, Laurel Garden—Sandy Saddler, 131, New York, outclassed Ruben Davis, 130, Philadelphia, and stopped him at the end of seven rounds. Rocky Fusco, 129, Staten Island, returned to action after a long layoff and punched his way to a six-round win over Pete Yellovich, 126, also from Staten Island. Jimmy Nichols, 132, Montclair, making his first start in over two years, drew with Jimmy McLaughlin, 135, Newark, four. Gus Pompino, 161, Plainfield, K.O.'ed Buddy Rose, 157, Keansburg, one. Clarence Mozley, 140, Paterson, K.O.'ed Billy Gilbert, 142, Newark, three.

Walter Cartier, 160½, New York, K.O.'ed Bobby James, 161, Bronx, in 2:03 of the second round. Bobby was down for nine before the K.O. Filberto Osario, 125, Puerto Rico, beat Tito Valles, 130, New York, eight. Connie Ross, 197, Newark, K.O.'ed Rocky Sapp, 193, Trenton, with a left hook in 0:35 of the first. Jimmy Nichols, 130, Montclair, won from Ernie Rivers, 130, also from Montclair, four. Norman Thompson, 140, Paterson, K.O.'ed Jimmy Stamford, 136, Newark, three.

Charley Salas, 150, Phoenix, Ariz., rallied to outpoint Charlie Williams, 148, Newark, in a good ten-rounder. Rocky Fusco, 129, Staten Island, rallied in the last to floor Charlie Slaughter, 131, Elizabeth, to win a rough six. Ronnie Hopp, 172, New York, got off fast to outpoint Russ Walters, 177, Trenton, four. Hopp was down in the fourth. Stokes Thomas, 137, Newark, spotted Frankie Fry, 147, Newark, 10 pounds and beat him, four. Both boys were down in the third. Danny Mann, 158, Orange, won from Don Layton, 158, Point Pleasant, four.

Al (Bozo) Costantino, 147, East Side, returned to action after a long layoff and beat Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 147½, Bayonne, in eight fast rounds by a wide margin. Bozo dropped Johnny in the second. It was his 32nd win in 36 starts, while DeFazio dropped his seventh in 55 starts. Charlie Slaughter, 131, Elizabeth, gained an undeserved decision over Rocky Fusco, 129, Staten Island, six. Johnny Dilly, 202, Jersey City, defeated Whitey Hoffman, 184, Bayonne, four. Frankie Fry, 147, Newark, won from Frankie Friedman, 147, New Brunswick, four. Jimmy Nichols, 133, Montclair, drew with Pete Yellavich, 127, Staten Island. Des Shanley, 132, Union City, scored over Johnny Alfalla, 137, Jersey City, four.

Any unattached fighters looking for work in the metropolitan area should write me at once. My address is 57 Dales Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By Franklin T. McQuaide, Jr.

CHUCK HIGGINS, 164, Ellwood City, Pa., kayoed Floyd Morris, 162, Pittsburgh, in 1:05 of the first round on Promoter Joe Brusco's show at the Aragon Gardens. This was Morris's first defeat as a pro. The former National Golden Gloves champion had won his first twelve bouts in a decisive fashion and evidently underestimated Higgins's punching power. As the bout got under way, the contestants were circling each other in the center of the ring exchanging weak left jabs. All of a sudden Higgins crossed with an overhand right and caught Morris flush on the jaw. The local boy dropped flat on his back. He was on all fours as the count ended.

Calvin O'Neill, 150, Pittsburgh, scored a T.K.O. over Chuck Gibbons, 143, Ellwood City, Pa., in 1:15 of round two in the six-round semi-final. Gibbons suffered a bad cut over his left eye and referee Tarzan McGivern halted the contest.

Arnold Curry, 138, Uniontown, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Jimmy Folk, 140, Cumberland, Md., in a six-rounder. Curry is one of the finest prospects. He'll go places.

In four-rounders, Tony Cimmone, 153, Pittsburgh, was awarded the uaanimous verdict over Pete Oliver, 148, Wheeling, W. Va., and Nate Smith, 161, Pittsburgh, and Omar Dart, 160, Pittsburgh, drew in the curtain-raiser.

Bob Baker, 202, Pittsburgh, continued his steady climb in the heavyweight division by knocking out Rusty Payne, 182, San Diego, Cal., in 2:55 of round four on Jack McGinley's fine show at the Gardens. Hard rights to the head floored Payne for nine counts in the first and second rounds. Baker won his fourteenth straight professional fight in a very spectacular manner. Payne was counted out while lying on his stomach, his head leaning out over the ring apron. This sensational victory skyrocketed Baker in THE RING ratings for the month.

In the six-round semi-final, Don Alderson, 141, Canonsburg, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Johnny Paoletti, 146, Akron, O.

Doc Watkins, 139, Homeville, Pa., Fritzie Zivic's very promising lightweight, won the unanimous verdict over Buddy Walls, 145, Sharpsburg, Pa., in another six.

In four-rounders, Johnny Ward, 135, Clairton, Pa., gained the nod over Tommy Barto, 137, New Kensington, Pa., and Sammy Anderson, 131, Pittsburgh, decisioned Gil Holcombe, 135, Akron, O.

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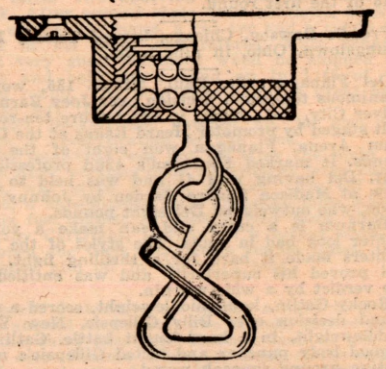

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COVERING CUBA
By Dr. J. A. Vieites

THE sad news of the month was the death of former Cuban featherweight champion, Juan Oliva, who owned a gymnasium (The Gato), and also was a good second and manager. Baby Coullimber, present holder of the welter diadem, shot Oliva over an argument about their contract.

The wrestling season is on in Cuba. Right now the star of the combination is Tony (Two Ton) Galento. He is a regular guy.

The new boxing season under new promoter Dr. Emilio San Pedro, who can be reached at the Sports Palace, Paseo y Mar, Vedado, Havana, Cuba, gets under way this month.

As I predicted, undefeated Cuban bantamweight champion, Luis Galvani, gets better in every fight. He unanimously defeated Bobby Bell in a return bout. After that he stopped Tunisian bantam, Gaetano Annaloro, in three, and Calvin Leigh in 5. I hope that he can get Manuel Ortiz between the ropes as I'm sure he can take care of him, now that he is in good form again. You must remember that Galvani holds two victories over Harold Dade, that he drew twice with Luis Castillo, and also stopped Tony Olivera, Annaloro, Cecil Schoonmaker and other bantam stars.

Orlando Zulueta, Raoul Perez, Bombon Oriental and others are in Caracas, Venezuela, where they will get three fights each.

Miguel Acevedo, ranked as one of the world's best by THE RING and by the N.B.A., will get his chance of a return bout with Sandy Saddler, which had been postponed.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

CARMEN BASILIO, heavy-hitting welterweight, scored a big upset here at the Coliseum Arena when he knocked out Gaby Ferland of Montreal in one round.

The 21-year-old Syracuse, N. Y., lad at 144½, swarmed all over Ferland from the opening gong. With the round one minute old he dropped Gaby with a vicious left hook to the body for a 9-count.

The Montrealer got to his feet groggy and Basilio moved in with a barrage of lefts to body and head, putting Ferland down for keeps in 1:46 of the first round.

Freddie Dawson, Chicago, kayoed Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Ohio, in nine heats.

Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn., 135, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Joey Barnum, Culver City, Cal., 139¾, in the feature ten-round bout staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum Arena. Flanagan won eight of the ten rounds. It marked Flanagan's 42nd professional bout, Del having won 41 and was held to one draw at Madison Square Garden by Johnny DeFazio, who outweighed Del eight pounds.

Barnum is a cutey and can make a young fighter look bad in spots. The styles of the two fighters made it hard for a thrilling fight, but Del proved his superiority and was entitled to the verdict by a wide margin.

Rocky Gatlin, local middleweight, scored a six-round decision over Billy Gillepsie, New York middleweight, in a hard-fought battle. Gatlin is a good body puncher and belted Gillepsie's midsection around in each round.

Ray "Jitterbug" Smith, New York, and Al Treadway, New Orleans, lightweights, battled to a draw. Harry Gribbs scored a two-round kayo over Bobby Nolan, and Harvey Fallon, 16-year-old former amateur middleweight, scored a one-round kayo over Ted Marston, Birmingham.

Promoter Abe Katz and matchmaker Lew Raymond staged the Enrique Bolanos versus Ermano Bonetti, ten-round main event at the Coliseum Arena. Bolanos, the Los Angeles Mexican former holder of the California state lightweight title, scored a four-round kayo over Charley Johnston's Italian.

Bolanos was making his first start since losing to Art Aragon, via a 12-round T.K.O. at Los Angeles, Cal., and looked okay, but Bonetti lacked the ability to give Enrique too much trouble. The show attracted 2,233 paying customers for a net gate of 3,363.51.

Local Lenny Alvarez, classy featherweight prospect, scored a one-round kayo over Lope Loero, Monterrey, Mex. Pepe Alvarez, Mexico, won a four-round verdict over Jitterbug Smith. Billy Gillepsie and Vincent Contu fought a four-round draw. Al Treadway and Leo Bayard engaged in a four-round even-stephen contest.

Tommy Bell, Youngstown, O., and Otis Graham, Philadelphia, Pa., featured in a ten-round bout at the Coliseum Arena.

Graham, 153½, won a split decision in ten interesting rounds over Bell, 148. The fight was a hard-fought one from the opening gong, and both fighters received a big hand at the finish.

Minnie West stopped Joe Green in two rounds. Killer Jackson belted out Melvin Francis in two rounds. George Touisant, Baton Rouge, La., 158, won a six-round verdict over George BeBell, New Orleans, 151. Lee Gray, 153, decisioned Junius West, 151, in six heats.

Hard-hitting Bobby Dykes, San Antonio, Tex., 150, spotted Tony Masciarelli, New York, over eight pounds and scored a seven-round kayo over him when referee Tony Amato halted the contest in two minutes and 58 seconds of that round. Masciarelli in the early part of the battle gave Dykes plenty of trouble until the fifth round when Dykes floored the New Yorker.

Masciarelli was bleeding from the nose and mouth when referee Amato stopped the fight. Dykes fought his usual fight, laying for deadly right hand uppercuts or right crosses.

Anthony Arnone pounded out a decision over Herbert Mueller. Harvey Fallon, Chick Burns' former medal fighter, made his money debut stopping Ray Graham, New York, in three heats. Billy Gillepsie, New York, decisioned Dave Meredith, Pensacola, Fla., in four. Charles Pavone, New Orleans, outpointed Johnny Villaneuva, San Antonio, Tex., in another four.

Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y., welterweight, and Gaby "Frenchy" Ferland, Montreal, Can., battled to a thrilling ten-round draw at the Coliseum Arena. The show was staged by promoter Abe Katz and Matchmaker Lew Raymond.

Basilio had Ferland on the floor three times.

Rocky Brisbois, stablemate of Ferland, making his debut here, defeated Joe Hartegen, New Orleans, in eight rounds. Brisbois had Hartegen on the floor three times. Lenny Alvarez won a six-round decision over "Pepe" Alvarez, Mexico. Lenny had "Pepe" on the floor twice.

Anthony Arnone, local Italian lightweight, and lanky homebred Herbert Mueller fought a six-round draw. Arnone had Mueller on the floor twice.

Local fistic pickups—Maxie Docusen is vacationing in the country near New Orleans and plans on a ring return in about six to eight weeks, according to co-managers Bonnie Geigerman and Otis Guichet. Bernard Docusen is back in training and plans a busy campaign in the 147-pound ranks this year. Art Aragon's two-round kayo over Guillermo Giminez surprised many local fans after Giminez made his debut here scoring a nine-round kayo over undefeated Maxie Docusen. The Green Shadow, a favorite masked wrestler, unmasked following his win over Jack Curtis and proved to be Pat Malone, of Miami, Fla., and Boston, Mass. Mat promoter Jim Murtagh has returned from Colorado City, Col., where he visited while ill, and is back in action looking fit again. Jim's wife, Mrs. Evelyn Murtagh, handled the mat promotions while Murtagh was in Colorado and performed a swell job. Jimmy Moran, former referee, now owns one of the most famous restaurants in the Vieux Carre. Fighters considering coming South for the summer can contact this writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

By Frank W. Carter

FOR the first time in many a moon, Memphis has two organizations promoting fight shows.

Matty Brescia is promoting under the VFW banner, and George Hilbun has entered the promoter's field under the AMVETS sponsorship. Hilbun's cards will be held at the Memphis Fairgrounds and the Brescia cards at Ellis Auditorium.

The May 3 results at the Fairgrounds Arena follow: Jerry Byars, 136, drew with Bobby Guin, 139. Both boys were making their first pro outings after graduating from the Golden Glove ranks, and staged a bristling four-round bout. Both hail from Memphis.

Ray Barrom, 128, Memphis, brother of Sambo Barrom, gained a fifth-round T.K.O. over Billy Hendricks, 129, Memphis.

Clarence Cox, 146, Memphis, kayoed George Christian, 147, Memphis, in the sixth.

"Ace" Oubra, 140, Indianapolis, Ind., decisioned "Puncher" Davis, 141, Clarksdale, Miss., in a sixer.

Frankie Smith, 161, Memphis, gained the judges' decision over Jimmy Ball, 159, Asheville, N. C., in six rounds. Neither the fans nor Jimmy agreed with the decision. This fight really calls for a rematch.

In the scheduled ten-round final, the local pride, Sambo Barrom, 139, scored a nine-round T.K.O. over "Bud" Cottey, 135, Indianapolis, Ind., when the badly beaten Cottey failed to answer the bell for the ninth. Barrom was in complete control throughout.

This is Barrom's twenty-second victory in twenty-six fights, and he is really coming on.

One thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine attended. Net gate $2,346.38.

This 'n That—Certainly enjoyed meeting genial Tom Leeper, veteran Indianapolis fight manager. His boys give you a run for your money. RING has taken a big jump in local newsstand sales here in the past six months. You gotta get it early or do without. Will give you results on the Maxim-Peterson go staged May 12 next month.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Arturo Le Conte

BOXING business which slowed down during March in Panama City and Colon picked up in April, with some of the best boys here trading leather.

Jack J. Golomb, president of the world famous Everlast Boxing Goods Co., was our guest during his visit here. Mr. Golomb told the press that he is planning on building a teeth protector for both the bottom and top row of teeth.

Federico Plummer, 125, who won top honors last year as Panama's "Fighter of the Year," sprang a surprise by outbelting Colon's 126-pound champ. Kid Chocolate II, 125½, at the Arena de Colon. Chocolate, whom we had tabbed before his lacing by Plummer as the best bet in featherweight ranks, proved no match for Plummer. This Kid Plummer is going great guns. Out of twenty pro mills, he has only one setback, which came on a foul in a bout with Mike Ross. Sam Langford, of Colon, beat Baby Dixon in a six. Kid Ampudia made his pro debut, drawing with Kid Zefine II, in an exciting six-rounder.

Panama's new king of the lighties is Wilfredo Brown, thanks to his crystal-clear 15-round win over defending champion, Young Sampson. The youthful Brown, 131, jabbed and hooked Sampson, 135, at will at the National Gym. Sampson is a vet with wins over Wilfredo Brewster, Young Shadow II and Simon Lucas. In an eight-frame go, Silvester Wallace, 124, dropped the duke to Temi Orlaciriegui, 135.

After holding Panama's flyweight honors during the past 12 years, Young Gibson lost to Baby Quiros in a great mill, a gruelling brawl. The fans booed the verdict.

Anybody wishing information on boxing in Panama contact this writer, whose address is: *The Star & Herald Co.*, Apartado 159, Panama City, Panama.

IN INDIANA RINGS

By Anthony Coppi

A VETERAN Boxing Association, similar to groups in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and New Jersey is being formed in Indiana with the writer having been selected to organize it. This is an organization promoted to aid future and present fighters that are disabled, penniless, grief-stricken and homeless.

If you are an ex-fighter, a resident of Indiana and are interested in joining such an organization, contact this corner as to eligibility, dues, etc.

Tom Leeper, veteran fight manager who for many years operated the largest boxing stable in Indiana, is joining forces with Al Farb, Indianapolis fight mentor. The two will establish headquarters at a downtown Indianapolis gymnasium to be known as the Washington A.C. and Leeper Ringside Gym. Leeper has acquired several new fighters in the last month, some from Texas and Mexico. George Ortiz, featherweight; Ruby Azteca, lightweight; Jimmy Ball, a middleweight, and Billy Smith at 160 pounds are now fighting under the Leeper banner as are Bill Davis, light-heavy; Jimmy Chaney, middleweight, and Bobo Drago, a lightweight who is showing much improvement. Farb handles Bill Roberts, one of the leading claimants to the Indiana state heavyweight title.

Handsome Joe Sgro, 146, Indiana state welterweight champion, earned a close decision over Jimmy Sheerer, 148½, of Milwaukee, in ten rounds in the Indianapolis armory.

Gene (Red) Parker, Indiana lightweight champion, won over Sylvester Simmons, Indianapolis, in six bruising rounds. Simmons showed well in the first round but from then on the bout was all Parker's. Andy Anderson, 152, Indianapolis, won over Gene Cartwright, 157, by decision in five rounds.

Rusty Cleek, 151, New Castle, in his second pro fight, knocked out Chuck Elliott, 150, Fort Knox, Ky., in the first round of a scheduled four, and Jimmy Thompson, 152, Dayton, and Cliff Fossman, 156, Chicago, fought to a stalemate in four heats.

Bill Roberts, Indianapolis heavyweight, and Roger Griffin, Chicago 196-pounder, headlined a show staged in Indianapolis by Good Sports, Inc. Roberts chilled his taller Windy City opponent in the sixth round of the scheduled ten-round main event.

Jimmy Welsh, Columbus, 155, won a close decision from Kid Alfonzo, 164, Toledo, in a six-rounder. Bobo Drago, 142, Indianapolis, and Bob Roberts, 138, Indianapolis, thrilled the sparse gathering in a corking good bout. Drago won a split decision in six rounds. Harry Dunn, 165, Indianapolis, knocked out Solomon Lewis, 150, Louisville, in 1:15 of the first round. Jim Chaney, 144, Indianapolis, decisioned Jimmy Robinson, 145, Louisville.

Willie Clemmons, hard punching Indianapolis heavyweight, treated Indianapolis boxing fans to a great fight by knocking out Charlie Lee, Cincinnati, in four rounds on a card promoted by Forrest McKinney of the Indianapolis Boxing Center. Clemmons, a former national AAU heavyweight champ, proved he could take a terrific punch and still come back to score a victory. Lee dumped Willie to the canvas in the fourth, Clemmons took an eight count and got off the floor to score two straight knockdowns before the bout was halted by referee Dick Patton.

In a companion eight-rounder, Joe Arthur, Chicago, 164, was awarded a kayo over Eddie Miller, 160, Dayton. After taking a sharp right punch in the second Miller was an easy mark for Arthur and was down in the third and fourth rounds.

Andy Anderson, Indianapolis, 152, won a four round decision over Larry Cartwright, of Dayton. Sylvester Simmons, Indianapolis lightweight, and Jack Barker, Dayton, fought to a draw in four and Rusty Cleek, 154, New Castle, lost to Vic Kondick, 156, Dayton, in four.

RING SCRAPS: Elza Thompson, former sparmate of Joe Louis and present Indiana heavyweight champion, is retiring from the ring. Nearing his late thirties, he will leave the crown open to a "natural bout" which should be a big drawing card for an outdoor show in Indianapolis. That is a fight between Willie Clemmons and Bill Roberts, both crowd pleasing, hard punching heavies. . . . Contact this writer for notes at 1325 E. Tabor, Indianapolis.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Les Huffman

PROCTOR HEINOLD, of Oklahoma, but now fighting for Joe Basco out of Akron, stopped Al Pennino, of Brooklyn, New York, in the ninth round of a scheduled ten round bout at Louisville.

Charles Cotton, Toledo Welterweight, managed by Louie Newman and trained by Roy Finn, won a unanimous decision over Levi Southall, Kansas City, in a top eight round bout at the Marigold Gardens at Chicago. This kid is a real comer and if given the chance he will hit the ratings very soon.

Gorgeous George ran into trouble when he tossed his opponent, Bobby Ford, out of the ring at Youngstown, Ohio, on April 4. Youngstown Commissioner Tom Barrow set the Gorgeous One down with a 60 days' suspension, and fined him $25. In suspending him the Commissioner said that George violated local codes by tossing Ford out of the ring. He then grabbed Ford on the ring apron and inflicted a scalp wound when he pushed him against the ring pole.

Cowboy Buddy Dean, Columbus welterweight, has been on the sick list for the past four weeks, the ailment being throat trouble. The doctor said Buddy should be up and around soon.

With the strikes being over now, and things getting back to normal, the Ohio fight promoters are starting to get back into the harness. Cincinnati has two shows coming up, Dayton is trying for a comeback, and Columbus promoters have several top attractions in view. This summer season should be all right here in the Buckeye State.

Managers who have any suggestions to make in regards to using their fighters here in Columbus contact the writer who is the matchmaker for the club running here in the Haft Arena. The local promoters are planning on running every week.

Mr. Joe Stauble, secretary to the All Sportsman Club, a club which helps needy athletes in Dayton, Ohio, is requesting members to get several membership tickets which cost $2.00 each a year and sell them to fans who are willing to help in this program. These tickets will admit the membership holders to shows staged by the club at Collins Arena this coming summer. The Dayton Gymnastic Club and the Coca Cola Bottling Company has donated $500.00 Each to start the fund off with. Fans who are interested call Mr. Reed at the Coca Cola Bottling Company or Dick Barnett at the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. All help will be appreciated. The funds are for fighters who are in need, and is a very good move towards helping the families of the fighters.

Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio's, Dapper Dan lightweight, has decided to hang them up. Hart, a good hard hitting lightweight, has had trouble getting any work of late.

Harry Eagles, veteran fight manager in Arizona, has signed Pantera Negra, and is anxious to book Negra in Ohio. Contact the writer for his services.

Ben Parks, who has been in the service for the past three years, is back in his home town here in Columbus on a 60-day furlough. Parks has been in Japan for the past 14 months. While in the service. Parks won two trophies, and the welter championship of his company.

Freddie Tibbs, local middleweight who has been in the service the past two years, is back in his home town, Columbus, for a 60-day furlough. Tibbs was stationed in Guam and Okinawa. He was one of the favorites with the fight fans who attended the Marbo Punch Bowl Arena in Guam. While in the 45th truck transportation battalion Tibbs was given a T.K.O. over Rocky Cuttler of the 29th infantry. Cuttler is from New York City. Tibbs, a nephew of the Alabama Kid, veteran heavyweight, garnered 17 wins in 19 fights while in the service. He came back to Columbus with four nice looking trophies which he won while in the service. Tibbs plans on returning to Columbus after he puts in one more year, and then he will resume his boxing career.

Sheriff Jackson, the pride of Hanford, Ohio, has taken on a wife, and now is what he calls a happily married man. Two can live as cheap as one, providing one does not eat anything, Sheriff.

Tiny Bland, Indiana's leading fight manager, has just opened up a first class gymnasium in Indianapolis. It is located in the Transportation Building. The outstanding fighters in Indianapolis are training in Bland's new spot. Bland also guides Gene (Red) Parker, the lightweight champion of Indiana. Fighters traveling across the country are invited to stop off and train.

Ron Harper, Charleston, W. Va., lightweight, can be booked through the writer.

Sammy Mandell and A. C. Allen of Chicago, Ill., are organizing a club known as the Veteran Boxers' Association of Illinois, Inc., and are anxious for all fighters to contact them at 166 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., for information. Already there are several outstanding former fighters entered in the club.

Chuck Higgins, Youngstown middleweight, put an end to Floyd Morris's winning streak when he stopped the Pittsburgh middleweight in 1:15 of the first round at Pittsburgh, Pa. Morris up to this time was sporting an 11-fight winning streak. A left hook and a right cross was the downfall for the Pittsburgh fighter.

Mickey Mars, Cleveland bantamweight, copped the championship in his class at Boston in the National AAU tournament. Mars was the only Ohio fighter to be crowned. Philadelphia's hard-punching battlers gained three out of eight individual championships. Four Ohio battlers who went up to the finals were beaten. Dick Anderson, welterweight from Cleveland, was outpointed by Gil Turner of Philadelphia. Walter Peterson, Springfield lightweight, was outpointed by Sam Johnson of San Francisco. George Bodnie, Dayton welterweight, was outpointed by Dick Graddon of Seattle, Washington, and Joe Dixon, Youngstown light-heavy, dropped the duke to Jesse Manequalt of Baltimore.

Wrestling continues to outdraw boxing in this part of the country. Boxing has been at a standstill here in Ohio with just a few shows being staged in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Columbus.

Art Towne, of New York City, had little trouble in stowing Lou Gray, of St. Louis, away in the third heat of a scheduled ten-round top bout at Cincinnati. Towne, with the speed of a wild tiger, started early and had the St. Louis fighter on the carpet in the second round for a no count. In the third round Towne got in a couple of hard rights and then added a left hook. Gray was counted out in 2:25 of the third round. In the show previous to this one, Towne stopped Freddie Newbill, Cincinnati, in two heats.

Jimmy Welsh made short work of Newbill's comeback when he gave the Queen City battler a trimming in an easy fashion in the semi-final eight-round bout. Welsh beat his opponent to the punches time after time, and landed left hooks and straight right hands at will throughout the bout. Welsh was given every round. Welsh injured his elbow in the sixth round, but finished the fight fast. Newbill suffered a possible jaw fracture.

Leo Burgen, Cincinnati featherweight, looks like the best prospect to come out of Cincinnati for many a moon. He is a consistent winner and he added Dick Armstrong, Dayton, to his list of wins by crossing Armstrong with a straight right hand for a fourth-round kayo. Don Smith, Cincinnati middleweight, copped the decision in six heats over willing Tiger Joe Harris. In the opening scrap, Virgil Lee Peveарl, Roanoke, Va., shaded Al Dryden, Cincinnati, in four fast rounds. There was little to choose between the two gladiators, and the decision was split. Roger Blosser, Dayton, got the nod over Ace Aubre, Indianapolis, in another four-rounder. The gross was $3,529, and the boys were paid off on a net of $2,750. Art Wirth was the promoter.

At Akron Joe Blackwood, New York City, upset the dope when he was given the nod over Artie Towne, also New York, in a ten-round middleweight fight that was a dandy. Blackwood hit the deck in the third round when Towne caught him with a hard lightning left that sent him sprawling on the canvas for an eight count. Blackwood's eye was also cut in this round. According to the score cards handed in by the judges, Towne slowed down and Blackwood came on fast to win. Blackwood used hard rights to slow Towne down for the next few rounds.

In the ten-round semi-final, Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., kayoed Eddie Davis, New York City, in the second round in 2:55.

Johnny Paoletti, Akron welterweight, won over Clay Milliron, Akron, in the fourth round via the kayo route. Herb Jackson, Akron lightweight, had little trouble stopping Johnny Pepp, Buffalo, in the first round. Jimmy Welsh, Columbus, won by a kayo over George Graham, Buffalo, in the fourth heat. They are middleweights.

I have a letter for Archie Moore from Australia in my office. A stamped envelope with the address will bring it to you pronto, Archie.

Jimmy Welsh, Columbus middleweight, copped the duke over Jesse Turner, St. Louis, in the six-round opener at St. Louis. In the top fight, Ray Famechon got the nod over Charley Riley, St. Louis, in ten heats. It was a rugged fight all the way with both fighters being tagged several times during the scrap. The judges called the fight in favor of Famechon by the score of 52 points for Famechon, 48 for Riley; 53 for Famechon, 47 for Riley, and the referee, Benny Kessler, called it even.

Mike Buha, St. Louis heavyweight, stopped Bobby Spaeth, Topeka, in the eighth round of a terrific ten-round scheduled scrap.

5,847 fans trekked through the gate and put $14,193 in the promoter's till. This was the first fight staged by the Arena in seven years. It was a good show.

At Omaha, Nebraska, Joey Maxim, Cleveland, outpointed Joe Dawson, 196, Chicago, in a ten-round non-title fight.

Columbus, Ohio, long known as a big farmer town by the best known fighters and managers, played host to the greatest fighter of today. Little doubt was in any of the fight fans' mind but what Ray Robinson is the greatest fighter they have seen fight here in the Middle West. His opponent, Cliff Beckett, tried hard, but was no match for the champion.

It was a great performance and Ray showed he could at any time stop the Canadian, but Beckett won the applause of the crowd as they knew he was in there pitching to a home-run hitter. After two sparring rounds Ray went to work. After several shots from nowhere, Beckett was against the ropes, a cut eye and a cut in the back of his head. The referee, Mutt Schartz, used very good judgment when he stopped the fight and held Ray's hand up in 1:45 of the third round. The fans gave Sugar a great hand as he left the ring.

After Beckett got patched up, he also was given a great ovation by the fans.

The semi-final was put on after the main go. Cam Agin, scrappy little lightweight from Zanesville, was given a split decision over Gil Holcomb, a hard-hitting little Irishman from Akron, in six fast rounds. Al Mobley, New York, stopped Johnny Cartright, Dayton, in a breeze when he dropped the Gem City lad a couple times, then polished him off in the third heat.

Sheriff Jackson, after having a hard time getting started in the first two rounds, settled down in the third heat and finished fast to get the nod over Freddie Tibbs, a local welterweight. Tibbs made the lanky Sheriff miss time after time in the first two heats while he himself was giving the Sheriff a treatment. However, he failed to pace himself, and when he ran out of air in the third heat the Sheriff made him run for cover. Although Tibbs made a couple spurts he lost the nod, it was a close fight with the Sheriff finishing fast to get the nod.

Young Boy Davis, a lanky light-heavyweight of Columbus, and Gerald Locke, a Dayton light-heavy, put on a terrific fight, Referee Jimmy Jones jumping in and stopping it, awarding the fight to Davis on a T.K.O. in 1:52 of the third round.

Larry Atkins, the Cleveland fight promoter, gave his fans another nice boxing show when he topped Sandy Saddler, New York flashy featherweight, and Lauro Salas, Los Angeles. Saddler stopped Salas in the ninth heat after a good tough bout.

Billy Graham, New York welterweight, was given the nod over Pittsburgh's Jimmy Sanders in ten heats. This one was close with a lot of the fans thinging Sanders should have been given nothing less than a draw. Gino Buonvino, Italy, stopped Dolph Quijano, El Paso, in the second round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Charles Lester, Cleveland heavyweight, won over Ted Woodward in the first round.

The Heath Hannison fight promoting combination at Akron gave the fans another good show when they topped Ron Delaney, the Akron blockbuster, and Anton Raadik, the Chicago middleweight, in a ten-round scrap that went the limit. Raadik was down in the first heat when he got careless and was hit hard by the Akron dynamiter with a straight left hand. Raadik made a good fight of it, but Delaney was given the duke unanimously after ten fast rounds.

Burly Odell Riley, Detroit, and Johnny Swanson, Buffalo, heavyweights, lasted to 1:55 of the fourth heat when Riley stopped Swanson with a left hook followed with a straight hard right. This one was booked for ten heats. The following, all five-rounders, ended as such: Chuck Davis, Johnstown, light-heavyweight, copped the duke over Clarence Blair, Akron. Eddie Marsh won over Jack Gardner by decision in a featherweight scrap. Johnny Paoletti, Akron, won over Rocky Holly, Johnstown, in a welterweight bout.

Charles Sawyer, Sr., Secretary of Commerce, officially announced in Washington his resignation as president of the Cincinnati Garden, Inc., a sports arena. He will continue as a director of the Garden.

Yes, Ray Barnes, Detroit's good looking welterweight, stayed the limit with Ray Sugar Robinson, but he won only one round of the ten. The other nine were credited to the sweet one from New York.

Jimmy Welsh was given the nod over Al Mobley, New York, in a six; Dan Pinto, Columbus welterweight, was stopped in four by Joe Garza, Detroit welterweight, in a good scrap. Frank Pollizy, Detroit featherweight, kayoed Bill Todd in the second heat.

A crowd of 8,954 fans paid a gross of $17,111 to see the show. The fight was held in the Olympia at Detroit, the promoter Nick Londos and the matchmaker Louis Marudas.

Please get all your notes on Ohio boxing shows in by the first of the month. The writer's address is Less Huffman, P.O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By John S. Sharpe

A NEW flyweight champion of the world was crowned at Harringay Arena when Terry Allen defeated Honore Pratesi of France in 15 rounds to gain the title vacated when Rinty Monaghan retired. Since Monaghan and Allen had fought a draw of fifteen rounds a few months ago and Pratesi, European champion was named as the logical contender following Allen, the latest contest assures boxing of Rinty's successor. The barrow boy from Islington won the decision by virtue of better all-around work.

At times the contest was a rough affair, bringing about a warning from Referee Moss de Young. Allen came out of the fight with his left eyebrow cut and right hand injured.

The Englishman was fast and clever but at close quarters, Pratesi had an edge. Allen, however, finished far more strongly than did his rival and that brought him the verdict.

Terry had to have an injection of cocaine to deaden the pain in his injured mitt, an injury that he sustained during training about a week before the fight. Allen, an orphan, was brought up by his grandmother. His real name is Edward Govier. During the war Terry's friend lost his life and Allen decided to honor him by using the boy's name in respect and admiration for the latter.

The new title holder, the first London boy to win the crown since the days of Billy Ladbury, is a popular lad and his victory will not affect the business in which he is engaged—trundling his vegetable barrow through the streets. "But," says Terry, "henceforth I shall be the owner of my own shop. My two kiddies, Tweery, aged two, and Annette, eight months old, won't have to go through the hard times I've had."

Luis Romero, the Spanish holder of the bantamweight title, gave Danny O'Sullivan a terrific beating. He dropped Danny ten times before the final knockdown which caused a humane and capable referee, Arthur Koch of Sweden, to stop the fight. O'Sullivan was down four times in the final round, the thirteenth.

It was a big shock to Jack Solomons to have this happen to Danny, whom he had matched for a title fight with Manuel Ortiz before the world champion reneged and took on the bout with Vic Towcel in Johannesburg.

All these knockdowns came from the Spaniard's left hand, a terrific weapon against which O'Sullivan had no defense.

Eddie Thomas, the British welterweight champion, outpointed Bruno Marostegan of France over ten rounds. Thomas had little to beat. So long as he was content to poke out that left and keep his opponent at a distance there was no doubt as to who would be the winner.

Algar Smith, Stoke Newington, beat Harry Hughes, Scottish lightweight champion, the referee stopping the fight in the first round.

Billy Conn, Birmingham, beat Johnny Walsh, Ireland, on points.

Freddy Powell, London, K.O.'ed Pat Gardner, Gloucester, first round.

Johnny Francis, London, K.O.'ed Harry Painter, Andover, third round.

Jimmy Moran, Leeds, beat Reg de Vere, St. Helens, on points.

Jack Hobbs, London, K.O.'ed Jack McVicar, Greenock, in 20 seconds of the first round.

In the semi-finals, Powell beat Conn on points; Hobbs beat Francis. The referee stopped the fight in the second round; Moran, Leeds, withdrawn.

In the final, Hobbs knocked out Powell in the first round.

Wally Thom, the Birkenhead southpaw, 146½, scored a K.O. over Jacky King, Belfast, 147½, in the fifth round of the feature bout at Liverpool Stadium. Jim Allsopp, Birkenhead, 161½, stopped Doug Meyers, Doncaster, 156, in the fifth round. Micky Flanagan, Birkenhead, 136, knocked out Billy Price, Conway, 137, in the third. Jack Scott, Preston, 158, outpointed Albert Rendle, Hull, 157, over eight rounds. George Day, Hull, 148, outpointed Ernie Price, Conway, 151, in six.

Tommy Madine, Belfast, 125¼, was extremely lucky to receive the decision at the end of ten rounds against Mick Day, Glasgow, 125¼, at Belfast. The Scot seemed to have won with a bit to spare. Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 136¼, knocked out George Frost, Mexborough, 139, in the fifth round. Roy Ankarah, West Africa, 125¾, stopped Joe King, Belfast, 131¾, in the third round. Jim Andrews, Bensbrook,, 149¾, knocked out Pat Wilson, Belfast, 142, in the fifth. Jack Robieson, Belfast, 121¾, outpointed Billy Smyth, Bangor, 118¼, in a rousing six-round contest.

Billy Thompson, Hickleton Main, British lightweight champion, was outpointed by Ginger Roberts, Whitley Bay, after eight rounds, at 144, at the Town Hall, Leeds. Bob Frost, the West Ham ex-amateur, 148¾, earned an eight-round decision over Jeff Tite, Spratton, 149½. Jock Bonas, Edinburgh, 124¾, outpointed Chris Kelly, Liverpool, 130, over eight rounds. Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 163, stopped Ron Hodgson, Doncaster, 158½, in the third round.

Arthur Gould, Woolwich, 126, gained a very narrow points win over Terry Riley, Liverpool, 129¾, at the end of eight rounds at Walworth. Alex Buxton,, Watford, 158½, knocked out Ron Crogan, Paddington, 157, in the fifth. Peter Glen, Tottenham, 148¼, outpointed Ossie Wilson, Northampton, 144¼, over six rounds. Al Wilde, Clapham, 150, knocked out Vic Price, Ipswich, 145, in the first round. Fred Powell, Walworth, 187, outpointed Ron Fitch, Northampton, 180, over four rounds.

Des Garrod, Paddington, 137½, fought eight rounds to a draw against Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, 137½, at Shepherds Bush. Ron Deamer, Paddington, 161, knocked out Roy Catouse, British Honduras, 161½, in the second round. Dickie Corbett, Bethnal Green, 131, outpointed Jack Osborne, Rochester, 126, over six rounds.

Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 126, outpointed Willie Croke, Leamington Spa, 126½, over eight rounds at Weston-super-Mare. Tommy Jones, Derby, 146, stopped Bob Burniston, Barry, 148, in the fifth. Lew Miles, Aberdare, 129, outpointed Tony Penpraze, Plymouth, 129½, over six rounds. Ron Bruzas, Blackwood, 133, outpointed Dave Parker, Doncaster, 140, over six rounds.

George Casson, North Shields, 161½, outpointed Jackie Wilson, Belfast, 163½, over eight rounds at Carlisle. Bob Raglan, Manchester, 140¾, outpointed Jack Wakelam, Wakefield, 136, in eight. Donald Scott, Carlisle, 127, knocked out Billy Greenfield, Burnley, 123½, in two.

Roy Coote, Falmouth, 135, outpointed Ben Duffy, Jarrow, 130, in eight rounds at Bournemouth. Peter Fay, Bournemouth, 117, knocked out Albert Sanderson, Northampton, -118, in the second. Vic Phayer, Woolwich, 175, stopped Joe Williams, Hendon, 174, in the third round. Gordon Goodman, Christchurch, 135, outpointed Tony Brazil, Brighton, 135, over eight rounds.

Cliff Curvis, Swansea, 147, stopped Harry Bos, 147½, of Holland, in the fourth round at Carmethen. Sammy Wilde, Nigeria, 163, knocked out Tommy Davies, Ammanford, in the third round. Glyn David, Caerau, 113, gained a narrow points win over Theo Nolten, Holland, at the end of ten rounds. Jackie Hughes, Swansea, 147, stopped Jimmy Smith, Cardiff, 151, in the second round. Len Davies, Swansea, 131, outpointed Sid Williams, Gorseinon, 134, over six rounds.

Joe Oscroft, Sutton, stopped Sid Hiom, Nottingham, in the ninth round of a flyweight contest at Derby. Bert Middleton, Kettering, outpointed Harry Brown, Derby, over eight rounds. Johnny Bartles, Notts, knocked out Maurice Wilkinson, Hartshorn, in the first round.

Jimmy Ingle, Dublin, outpointed Billy Carroll, Doncaster, over eight rounds at Edinburgh. Vernon Solas, Edinburgh, outpointed Peter Harvey, Pontefract, over eight rounds. Johnny Fitzpatric, Doncaster, outpointed Jim Scott, Edinburgh, over six rounds. Harry Lucas, Edinburgh, outpointed Zeke Brown, Jamaica, over six rounds.

Bos Murphy, New Zealand, 159, broke the winning vein of Dick Langley, Peckham, 160, in an eight-round contest at West Ham. Aaron Joshua, India, 126¼, outpointed Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 128, over seven rounds. Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 120½, and Billy Daniels, Bow, 124, fought six rounds to a draw.

Billy Ashton, Wigan, outpointed Tommy Farricker, Manchester, in a 12-round contest at Ashton-under-Lyne, to win the North Central Area, No. 9, flyweight title. Charlie Wilson, Manchester, outpointed Ron Perry, Stalybridge, over eight rounds. Tommy Higgins, Bury, stopped Joe Dixon, Stockport, in the fifth. Arthur Massey, Eccles, stopped Jackie Standring, Ashton, in the fourth round.

Jackie Fairclough, Preston, knocked out Paddy Hyland, Northampton, in the fifth round at Blackburn. John L. Sullivan, Preston, knocked out Sammy McKnight, Belfast, in the first. Frank Clough, Blackburn, outpointed Wilf Atherton, St. Helens, in six.

Harry Droy, Islington, 125½, outpointed Tom Cummings, Leicester, 125, over eight rounds at Kings Cross. Len Dugard, Bethnal Green, 147¼, outpointed Peter Glenn, Tottenham, 147¾, in six. Bernard Cottrell, Bermondsey, 139¾, outpointed Tony Brazil, Brighton, 139, over six. Terry Bullivant, Islington, 134, outpointed Jack Brice, Oxford, 144, over four rounds.

Jimmy Murray, Cork City, outpointed Owen Johnson, Jackdale, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Cambridge. John Newman, Cambridge, stopped Mias Johnson, Jackdale, in the fifth round of a lightweight bout. Cliff Giles, Linton, drew with Paddy Hardy, Dublin, over six rounds.

Luis de Santiago, Spain, 127½, gained a narrow points decision in ten rounds against Tom Bailey, Liverpool, 128, at the Stadium, Liverpool. Jimmy Molloy, Liverpool, 147½, knocked out Alan Wilkins, Ystradgynlais, 148½, in the third. Bill Jackson, Jamaica, 159½, gained a clear win over Allan Cooke, Warsop, 173¾, in eight rounds. Frank Kelly, Liverpool, 128¾, outpointed Black Bond, Jamaica, 126, over eight. Eric Marsden, St. Helens, 118, knocked out Norman Cooper, Mansfield, 119, in the fourth.

George Pook, Torquay, outpointed Billy Parsons, Highbridge, in 15 rounds at Chard. Dave Williams, Barry, outpointed Ken Richardson, Retford, over eight rounds of a cruiserweight contest. Rees Moore, Luton, drew with Joe Perks, Liskeard, in a six-round welterweight contest. Sammy Milsom, Radstock, outpointed Jack Merino, Bridgewater, over six rounds of a welterweight contest.

Kid Francis, Gold Coast, outpointed Joe "Boy" Collins, Dublin, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Belfast. Garnett Denny, Belfast, knocked out Mick McMenanmin, Derby, in the third round of a cruiserweight contest. Jim Gifford, Dublin, knocked out Mickey Campbell, Belfast, in the fourth round.

Maurice Mancini, Warwick, outpointed Cliff Anderson, British Guiana, in a lightweight bout of eight rounds at Coventry. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, stopped Harry Peacock, Bedworth, in the second. Stan Parkes, Birmingham, knocked out Billy Crane, South Elmsall, in the fourth. Michael Stack, Leamington, knocked out Sam Burgoyne, Oldbury, in the first. Bob Anderson, Jamaica, knocked out Ernie Thompson, Bedworth, in the first round.

Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, outpointed Hal Crosbie, Tipton, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Birmingham. Tony Dwyer, Birmingham, outpointed Sammy Sharpe, Derby, over six rounds. Jack Tolley, Langley, stopped Lew Turner, Durley, in two.

Ron Deamer, Paddington, outpointed Ron Debbington, West Ham, in a hard-hitting eight-round middleweight contest at Leyton. Jim Jennings, Clapton, and Harold Clarke, Bow, fought six rounds to a draw. George Williams, West Ham, outpointed Harry Warner, Dagenham, in a six-round welterweight contest.

Henry Carpenter, Peckham, 113, outpointed Jackie Foster, Belfast, 114, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Walworth. Micky O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, stopped Charlie Waters, Downham Market, in two. Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, outpointed Teddy Pryor, Croydon, in four.

Bruce Crawford, Thornaby, added the scalp of Frankie Belanger, Canada, to his list of victories, when he outpointed the Canadian in an eight-round middleweight contest at Newcastle. Tommy Proffitt, Manchester, stopped Charlie Savard, Canada, in the fifth round of a bantamweight bout. Ernie Vickers, Middlesborough, stopped Billy Kidd, Carlisle, in the fourth round.

Pat Stribling, Croydon, outpointed Jackie Wilson, Belfast, in a cruiserweight contest of eight rounds at Watford. Ray Edwards, Jamaica, 191¼, knocked out Charlie Peel, West Bromwich, 187, in the second round. Ron Fitch, Weedon, 180¾, knocked out Harry Painter, Andover, 185, in the first.

Kay Kalio, Nigeria, knocked out Harry Lazar, Aldgate, in the second round at West Ham. Jim Murray, Cork City, outpointed Dave Sharkey, Aldgate, in an eight-round featherweight contest. Peter Indaco, Brixton, outpointed Leyson Lewis, Barbados, in a six-round lightweight contest. Ron Johnson, Hackney, knocked out Les Carter, Dagenham, in the fifth.

Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, outpointed Johnny Flannigan, Whitburn, in a ten-round lightweight contest at Edinburgh. Eddie Carson, Edinburgh, stopped Mick Day, Glasgow, in the eighth. Andy McCulloch, Glasgow, outpointed Pat McGuire, Glasgow, in a six-round flyweight contest. Dave McLaren, Cumrie, stopped Jim Scott, Edinburgh, in five.

George Stern, Manchester, 200, won over Peter McMann, Sunderland, 200, after eight rounds at Grimsby. Jackie Wakelam, Wakefield, 138, stopped Freddie Fryer, Doncaster, 133, in three. Sammy Reid, Grimsby, 180, knocked out Des Jones, Birmingham, 173, in the second. Vince Flynn, Leeds, 129½, outpointed Noel Wilkinson, Burton, 122½, in six rounds.

Albert Finch, Croydon, gained a points win over Joe Beckett, Hempnall, in ten rounds at Norwich. Dave Parker, Doncaster, outpointed George Thresher, Edmonton, in an eight-round lightweight contest. Russell Wilson, Norwich, won over Al Ankarah, Gold Coast, in six rounds of a lightweight contest. Pat Howard, Norwich, outpointed Vic Price, Ipswich, in a four-round welterweight bout.

Bob Frost, West Ham, 148½, outpointed Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 149½, for the second time within ten weeks at the Stadium, Liverpool, in ten rounds. Gordon Goodman, Christchurch, 137, continues his winning way. In this meeting his opponent was the tough Scottish lightweight, Tommy Daley, Hamilton, 135¾. After taking two counts the latter was knocked out in the fourth round. Eric Billington, Golborne, 143, knocked out Roy Free, St. Helens, 143, in the third. Johnny Ritchie, Rhuddlan, won over Ronnie Doyle, Liverpool, in four. Both welters.

Freddie Smith, Mordon, outpointed Freddy Routley, Walsall, in an eight-round lightweight contest at Bedford. Peter Glen, Tottenham, stopped Jack Tolly, Birmingham, in the first of a welter-

weight contest. Vic Phayer, Greenwich, stopped Doug Radford, Mansfield, in the first round of a cruiserweight bout. Nat Thomas, Grantham, outpointed Arthur Stone, West Ham, in a six-round welterweight contest. Doug Sherlock, Oxford, outpointed Dennis Ford, Watford, in six.

Ritchie McCulloch, Ireland, outpointed Freddie Smith, Sheffield, in an eight-round lightweight contest at Cheltenham. John Nuttall, India, outpointed Jacky Jones, Bolton, over eight rounds, of a middleweight bout. Morry White, Dartford, outpointed Laurie Henry, Jamaica, over six rounds. Bobby Bacon, Canada, outpointed Les Daw, Dagenham, over four rounds. Stan McKnight, Leicester, drew with Reg McMurdie, Edgware, over six rounds.

Tommy Barnham, Fulham, outpointed Al Wilburn, Hickleton-Main, in an eight-round lightweight contest at Leyton. Peter Indaco, Brixton, outpointed Peter James, Dagenham, in a six-round lightweight contest. Eric Davies, Stourbridge, making his first appearance as a professional, did a good job when he disposed of Len Dugard, Bethnal Green, in the second round of a welterweight contest. Henry Simmonds, Clapton, outpointed Teddy Pryor, Croydon, in four rounds of a featherweight bout.

Allan Wilkins, Ystradgynlais, outpointed Bob Burniston, Barry, over ten rounds of a welterweight contest at Neath. Dai Davies, Skewen, stopped Willie Croke, Leamington Spa, in the fifth round. Billy Jones, Ammanford, outpointed Arthur Thomas, Skewen, over six rounds.

Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, gained a points win over Peter Fay, Bournemouth, in an eight-round featherweight contest at Preston. Garnett Denny, Belfast, knocked out Doug Richards, Wales, in the fourth round of a cruiserweight bout. John L. Sullivan, Preston, knocked out Tony Dwyer, Birmingham, in the first.

Albert Southall, Walsall, stopped Duggie Meyers, Sheffield, in the fourth round of a middleweight contest at Walsall. Eric Skidmore, Wednesbury, stopped Wal Burgoyne, Oldbury, in the third round. Geoff Heath, Worcester, stopped Will Westwood, Birmingham, in the fifth.

Don Cockell, Battersea, weighing 173, proved beyond all doubt that he is a cruiserweight in his bout with Jimmy Carroll, Stockport, 172½, who retired in the seventh. Don is a hot favorite to win the British cruiserweight crown left vacant by the retirement of Freddie Mills. The highlight of the show was the bout between Don Scott, Derby, England, Olympic Games representative, scaling 182¼, and the young Northwich heavyweight, Ray Wilding, 186. This was Scott's pro debut. The way these two young heavyweights slammed into each other had the crowd on their toes. The gameness of Wilding won the day. He caught Scott with a perfect left hook in the fifth round, that put the latter on the canvas for nine, and after that he was a chopping block until the referee called a halt when he had taken another count of nine. Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, 133¾, outpointed Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 133¾, in 12 tame rounds. He now meets Billy Thompson for the latter's British title. Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 121¼, outpointed Francis Bonnardel, French featherweight champion, 125½, over eight rounds. Jimmy Murray, Cork, 126¾, outpointed Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 124½, over six rounds. Algar Smith, Stoke Newington, 137¾, stopped Hugh Smith, Sunderland, 137¼, in the third. Alf Gallagher, Australia, 186½, outpointed Steve McCall, Washington, U.S.A., 192½, in eight.

Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 130, inflicted the first defeat on Harry Droy, Islington, 127, in an eight-round featherweight contest at the Kentish Town Baths. Fred Powell, Walworth, knocked out Eric King, Buckingham, in the first of a heavyweight contest. Ken Robson, Stoke Newington, outpointed Eddie Ashcroft, Watford, in a six-round middleweight contest.

Roy Ankarah, West Africa, 128, knocked out Danny Nagle, Ireland, 128, in the fifth round at Willenhall. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 135, gained a good win over Johnny Stimpson, Tipton, 135, in a six-round contest. Les Garbett, Cannock, 138½, outpointed Charlie Vaughan, Walsall, 140, in a six-round contest.

Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125, and Chris Kelly, Liverpool, 126, fought a terrific ten-round draw at the Stadium, Liverpool. Tommy Blears, Atherton, 126½, fought a draw with Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 127, in eight. Israel Boyle, Liverpool, 146, outpointed Rex Bryan, Wrexham, 149, over eight rounds. George Bailey Liverpool, 151, outpointed Ronnie Doyle, Liverpool, 144, over six. Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 136, outpointed Freddie Bancroft, Cumberland, 132½, over six.

Roy Ankarah, West Africa, 125, stopped Denny Dennis, Dublin, 124½, in the third round at the Ulster Hall, Belfast. Nick Day, Glasgow, 122½, was ruled out in the seventh round of his bout with Charlie Brown, Belfast, 122½, for an alleged low blow. Micky Talbot, Dublin, 152, was a good winner on points over Billy O'Neil, Belfast, 148¼, at the end of eight rounds.

Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 126½, fought his second bout within 24 hours, when he outpointed Johnny Haywood, Nottingham, 127½, over seven rounds at Doncaster. Reuben Whitehead, Thorne, 124¾, was declared the loser on a foul, when he was ruled out for a low blow against Len Shaw, Sheffield, 124½, in the third round. Charel Baert, Newcastle, 176½, outpointed Ken Richardson, Retford, 169¼, in six.

Tommy Armour, Belfast, 157½, outpointed Billy Watts, Liverpool, 157½, over eight rounds at Bob Gardner's promotion at the Hippodrome, Belfast. Roy Ankarah, West Africa, 125½, outpointed Jim McCann, Belfast, 129¼, over eight rounds. Jackie Briers, Belfast, 116¼, gained a points win over Pat McCoy, Liverpool, 119, over eight hard-fought rounds. Jim Campbell, Belfast, 135, knocked out Billy Press, Lisburn, 134½, in the sixth round. Joe Quinn, Belfast, 126, stopped Tommy Madine, Belfast, 125½, in the fourth round.

John L. Sullivan, Preston, stopped Joe Elliot, Sunderland, in the third round at Blackburn. Johnny Cross, Horwich, outpointed Joe White, Carlisle, in an eight-round contest. Stan Bagshaw, Rotherham, outpointed Vin Breakell, Preston, over six rounds. Colin Clough, Kirkham, stopped Danny Nagle, Ireland, in the fourth round.

FROM DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA
By Leonard Neill

WRESTLING "bad-man" from America Lon Newman, came through with an unbeaten record in his two Durban contest. He beat Willie Liebenberg, 2 falls to one, and then drew with Manie Maritz, one fall apiece. Newman is now on his way home.

A newcomer to the professional mat-game is Joe Fabian. Durban heavyweight. In his first start he looked impressive in outscoring Ossie Rankin, but didn't shine so well in going under to veteran Dirk van Loggenberg, second time out.

Main boxing topic in local circles is the return to activity of South African heavyweight champion, Johnny Ralph, who has indicated his willingness to start his comeback with a Durban contest. Local matchmaker Maurice Smith has jumped at the chance. Probable opponent is John L. Botha, who has never been beaten inside the distance.

Down in Cape Town, lightweights Percy Wilkinson and Homicide Hank, met in a 10-round eliminator for Kid Sathaway's national crown. After a good display by both men, Hank gained the decision.

In another lightweight duel over ten stanzas, the Congo Kid gained a disputed points decision over Kid Kaloote after a thrilling bout. In a third 10, again lightweights, Theo "Brown Panther" M'thembu outscored tough but crude Sammy Phillips. In a 6, Paul Monoyane outpointed Aaron Selepe.

Contact this writer at P. O. Box 1902, Durban, Natal, South Africa for any information on South African doings. So long till next month.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By Sgt. J. A. Tree

WILD scenes broke out in the Funkturmalle on April 2 when the middleweight championship bout between Hans Stretz, title holder, and Gerhard Hecht was declared a draw.

The disturbance that broke out was the worst seen at any fight in Germany since the war came to a close.

Bottles, lemons and oranges were thrown into the ring and the old-time promoter, Ernst Zirzow, received a cut on his head from an empty beer bottle and had to have some stitches put in it.

The judges and the referee were not to blame, for the verdict was a fair one, but an old-time ruling in this country states that a boxer must lead by six points in a championship bout before he can receive the verdict. Hecht could have been five points in front, but certainly no more, and so Stretz retained his title on the draw verdict.

The game and pleasing fighter, Jacobson, did well to hold Marini, the Italian, to a draw.

Ex-middleweight champion Carl Schmidt drew with Rudi Pepper.

A crowd of 2,500 fight enthusiasts saw Heinz Seelisch, one of Germany's top four heavies, defeat Oskar Biesold inside two rounds at Bremerhaven. Seelisch drove his man to the corner and after landing a right to the stomach, Biesold sank to the canvas. He rose gamely, but it was all in vain, for another right, this time to the solar plexis, put him out.

Ernst Kohlsaat, feather, beat Walkowiak on points after failing to win on a knockout in the third, when he had Walkowiak on the floor for eight.

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Ex-lightweight champion Herbert Nurnberg drew with the hard-hitting Georgi.

Neuhaus added another victim to his list of victories when he beat the clever veteran, Hans Dragestein, in a knockout at Dusseldorf on March 31. Perhaps the victory was not a surprise, but it is almost unbelievable that it only took Neuhaus 15 seconds to dispose of this experienced fighter. A left uppercut forced Dragestein to the ropes, dropping his gloves to his side. Neuhaus landed a hard right uppercut and his man sank down the ropes to one knee. He then rolled over and was counted out.

Ex-middleweight champion Fritz Gahrmeister lost to Otto Bastian on points, but most thought he was unlucky to lose.

Jupp Besselmann, ex-European middleweight champion, is still active at the age of 40 years and did well to beat Rudi Neuman inside three rounds.

The winning punch was a short uppercut which landed on the liver.

A crowd of 3,000 fight enthusiasts saw Neuhaus (92 kilo) beat Hans Kupsch (83 kilo) when the latter was disqualified in the seventh round of their middleweight contest at Hamm.

Germany's grand middleweight, Leo Starsch (69 kilo) beat Chomutowski into submission in the seventh heat on this same program.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By Prof. Wilfred Stephenson

CARLOS PEREZ, known as El Zurdo de Higuamo, hailing from Santo Domingo, a popular boy in these parts, found his master for the second time in Pilar Bastidas, a Uruguayan fighter who previously had outpointed him by a slight margin. This time Bastidas scored a knockout. Perez, previous to the kayo, had lost only that one fight, that to Bastidas. Perez had flattened Antonio Frontado, the Peruvian Idol, Young Shadow of Panama and Mario Diaz of Argentine, but Bastidas apparently has his number. In their latest battle, Perez, despite his hefty wallop and his fine left, lost every round except the ninth, and the bout ended in the tenth.

In the supporting bouts Luis Gutierrez, a welterweight, kept up his run of victories by bowling over his opponent, Julio Coronado, in the eighth round.

The scrap between Julio Febres and Angel Bernaola, welterweights, ended in a draw. This fight did not interest the fans at all, as the participants fought far too defensive a contest for men intent on winning. They went 10 rounds.

In a six-round preliminary between Julio Franco and Fernando Lopez, the latter was defeated on points after a lively battle in which the fighters were exceedingly rough in their clinches.

RING HIGHLIGHTS FROM TORONTO
By Bill Keele

ARMAND SAVOIE, the brilliant young Montreal featherweight who punches like a middleweight, shattered young Alan McFater's winning streak by stopping him in the seventh round at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, on April 24. McFater, who had been dubbed "the Million Dollar Kid" by virtue of his excellent showing to date, lost no prestige in losing to the more experienced Savoie. Indeed he won a host of new admirers by his courageous display. After being battered around the ring in a helpless condition in the fourth round, he came back and won the fifth and sixth rounds by sheer grit and determination, but in the seventh, the beating he took in the earlier rounds began to tell, and he was finally put down for his first kayo in 2:59 of the round.

Savoie, who represented Canada in the featherweight class at the last Olympics, is well on his way to the top rungs on the ladder of fistiana, having chalked up his twelfth consecutive kayo over outstanding opponents.

Billy Fifield of Toronto, at 160¼, won a disappointing semi-final from Gil Williams of Syracuse. George Sinclair, a consistent winner hereabouts, won a six-rounder from Teddy Swain of Toronto, in a featherweight go.

Tommy Corrick of Toronto, 123, a newcomer to the pro ranks, scored a T.K.O. over Johnny Howard, 120½, of Cleveland, in the fourth round. Stan Bice, making his pro debut in his home city, won from Kenny Haines, also of Toronto, in a lightweight preliminary. Haines was disqualified for butting in the fourth round.

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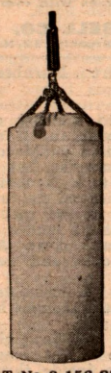

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IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

EVERY promoter, manager, boxer and boxing fan is urged to get his copy of the 1950 RING Record Book. It is a book, everyone interested in the sport of boxing, should have in his library.

Sioux City, Iowa—A capacity crowd turned out to see the second boxing card of the season offered by Frank Allen at the Sioux City Armory. A six-bout card featuring the Outhouse twins from South Sioux City was the top attraction. Gayus Outhouse, 140, stopped Ace Aubre, 139, of Chicago, in 1:02 of the fifth round. It was the seventh victory in eight professional bouts for Gayus. Gayus had little trouble with Aubre. Both fighters narrowly averted disaster in the third round when they fell out of the ring. Gale Outhouse, 139, found plenty of trouble in Rocky ("Bobo") Drago, 142, of Louisville, in their sixer. The writer scored the bout as a draw, but the decision went to Outhouse. Several times Gale was sent careening to the ropes. To even matters, Gale jolted the Kentuckian with vicious left hands that kept the score card on a par.

In the prelims Eugene Brown, 190-pounder from Omaha, belted out Len Lamon, 190, of Chicago in 45 seconds of the first round. Glen Stark, 155, former Sioux City Golden Glover, moved into the professional ranks with a four-round decision over Danny Elwood, 160, of Indianapolis, Ind. DeWayne DeCora, 140, of Macy, Nebr., and Harold Summers, 140, of Indianapolis, Ind., battled to a four-round draw. DeCora hit the deck in the first round, but evened matters in the final rounds when his foe went by the gas station. Harold McDonald, 135, Omaha, and Kay LaFlore, 135, Omaha, opened the card in a fast four-rounder. McDonald took the decision. The bout broke a tie between the two.

Our Mail Bag—To Charles Fletcher, Swindon, Wilts, England: The record of Jack Johnson in the 1950 RING Record Book shows no such bout in 1928. To J. C. L. Wayne, Nebr.: In order to save space and not carry a repeat of boxing news from one column to another, send your boxing news to Floyd Hayes, who is THE RING correspondent for Nebraska. To M. W. at Sioux Falls, S. D.: It would take too much space to list these records. Complete records are in the 1950 RING Record Book. To M. C. L. at Huron, S. D.: As reported to me, the Lions Club of Pender, Nebr., was the sponsor of this wrestling card. To A. T. L. at Akron, O.: Thanks. I have many offers to act as matchmaker, promoter, press-agent, manager, trainer, and about everything else in connection with the sporting sport, but I regret, owing to other matters, I am unable to accept them at this time.

To J. D. at Rapid City, S. D.: 1, No. 2, Yes. 3, No record. 4, Try RING Book Shop. 5, I would not recommend this fighter with the one you mention. It would be a poor match as their styles won't mix. If you wish a personal reply to your letter please send stamp or a one-cent card.

News for this spot must be in my hands by the fifth of each month. Please mail same to 2206 N. Lafayette St., Sioux City, Iowa. Our phone number is 8-6849. Boxers and managers are urged to keep us posted when they change their addresses, as we are in daily contact with promoters seeking talent.

Victories scored by the welterweight Outhouse twins in their recent bouts proved costly when they were forced to cancel several bouts. X-rays revealed that Gale Outhouse suffered a fracture of his left thumb in a bout with Rocky Drago. The tumble from the ring in a bout with Ace Aubre has resulted in a severe soreness to the hip of Gayus Outhouse.

Watertown, South Dakota—Two of South Dakota's star amateur boxers, Gus Kempf of Aberdeen and Billy Haley of Sioux Falls, have entered the professional ranks. They will be under the management of L. L. Blake, of Watertown. Kempf is a heavy welterweight and has won close to 35 amateur bouts in three years of boxing. He represented Sioux City at the recent Chicago Golden Gloves tourney. Kempf, 21, is a student at Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, S. D. Haley was another Sioux City representative in the Chicago tourney. Boxing as a featherweight he has scored 35 victories in 40 amateur bouts. He is 18 years old.

Several South Dakota amateurs entered the annual midwestern A.A.U. boxing tourney staged at Norfolk, Nebr. Included in the list were Dale Creech, Gordon Creech, and Don Getschall, of Mitchell, S. D., Dale Welsch, and Paul Guerard, of Colome, S. D.

E. Q. Hoberg, A.A.U. boxing commissioner for the Sioux City district, has announced that hereafter no sanctions for boxing shows will be issued unless the application is made 15 days in advance of the scheduled date. W. L. R. Ryberg of Mitchell, South Dakota, president of the South Dakota Association, has likewise made that ruling in regard to association sanctions.

Des Moines, Ia.—Eleven boxing teams entered the fourth Central Iowa Novice Boxing tourney staged here at the Jewish Community Center. Dave Nemo was tourney manager. Such towns as Colfax, Washington, Jefferson, Maxwell, Cedar Falls, Ankeny, Boone and Davenport entered teams.

Last Minute Sparks—Johnny Markey of Des Moines has the following former Golden Gloves boxers under his management who have entered the professional ranks: Henry Martinez, 118, 1949 Des Moines Gloves champion; Jackie Parks, 160, Negro; Adolphus Edwards, 147, Negro. . . . Jesse Castel and Bill Sangster inform us they have opened a gym in Rock Island, Ill., and would like to book amateur boxers around Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Jack Berry of Edmonton, Canada, dropped us a long-distance call seeking boxing talent. . . . Johnny Boyd, of Forest City, Iowa, informs us that his fighter, Jackie Grogan, 129, is in shape and ready for action. . . . He has had about 35 amateur bouts, eight bouts in the navy, and seven professional bouts to date. . . . Johnny Harris, who has been away from the boxing sport for the past 20 years, informs us he is back in the sport again as manager of Jimmy Robnett, 148. . . . Ramey McKnight of Milwaukee, Wis., has a fine stable of boxers ready for action. . . . Harlan, Iowa, and Spencer, Iowa, have moved into the wrestling list. . . . Last month we made a trip down to Omaha, where we watched Joey Maxim, world's light-heavyweight champion, belt out Joe Dawson of Chicago. . . . We met several old friends and had chats with Floyd Hayes, Champ Thomas, Earl Puryear, and Sailor Burke. . . . See Nebraska news for results of the other bouts. . . . See you next month.

BOXING IN CURACAO
By L. Koeiman

TRYING to regain the fans' interest again Promoter Siro Cardoze introduced a ten-round main bout between Young Carpenter, 155, Aruba, and Lightning Joe, 150, St. Marten. This time again Carpenter was too fast and experienced for Lightning Joe. Joe only managed to land several of his rights in the fourth round, but they were to weak to do any damage on Carpenter, who was side-stepping and dancing about the ring. The winner will meet Battling Siki who defeated him twice in Aruba.

The eight-round semi-final ended in another victory for newcomer Young Walcott, 145, Curacao, over Kid Cubano, 140, St. Kitts. This was the best fight of the evening.

In another eight-rounder between Brown Bomber and Pantera the bout was declared a draw. The Bomber dumped Pantera more than three times outside the ropes, but the latter was helped by the referee inside the ring.

Kid Curacao and Kid Baby fought a four-round no-decision.

Zorro won by a T.K.O. over Diamond Kid in the second round of a four-rounder.

Ringside news: Kid (Siro Canster) fighting now as a lightweight just returned from Haiti where he was held to a ten-round draw with Jacques Laroche.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

JOEY MAXIM, world's light-heavyweight champion, knocked out Joe Dawson, 190, Chicago, in 1:18 of the second round in the Omaha City Auditorium. A small crowd of only 1,246 customers forked over $2,515.50 to get a glimpse at the champ of the light-heavyweights who weighed in at 182 and carried a small roll of fat around the midriff.

Maxim took one look at the small crowd, toyed with Dawson like a cat with a mouse in the initial round and then in the second canto landed a left hook to the chin, followed by a right cross which hit the same target and it was all over.

In the semi-windup, Nelson Levering, 144, Macy, Nebraska, drew in six rounds with Emil Evans, 142, Minneapolis. . . . In the special event the veteran Gene Spencer, 132, Chicago, made a comeback after eight months' absence from the ring. He gave Harold McDonald, 136, Omaha, a real boxing lesson and had McDonald on the deck for a nine-count in the third canto. The referee called it a draw but nobody else in the crowd saw it that way. It was a six-round affair.

In the preliminaries: Harold Hulit, 158, Macy, Nebraska, knocked out John Collier, 152, Omaha, Nebraska, at 1:55 of the first round. . . . DeWayne DeCora, 141, Macy, Nebraska, making his second start as a pro looked very promising as he chalked up a T.K.O. over Kay LaFlore, 138, Omaha, at 1:34 of the fourth round. It was a free slugging affair until the referee stopped the bout when LaFlore received a badly cut upper lip. DeCora is a former Sioux City Golden Glover. . . . Glen Stark, 153, Sioux City, won in four over Nathan Fagin, 149, Omaha.

The Outhouse Twins of South Sioux City, Nebraska, are very popular with Sioux City, Iowa, fight fans and may help revive the boxing game in that vicinity. They are being billed in double main events of six rounds with the cards being on the club show basis.

Gale Outhouse, 139, South Sioux City, Nebraska, chalked up his eighth consecutive win in as many starts when he decisioned Rocky Drago, 142, Louisville, Kentucky, in six rounds. It was a hard-fought bout in which Outhouse suffered a broken thumb. Drago is a vicious counter puncher. An early lead which Gale had piled up with a pumping left hand was all that protected his perfect record.

Gayus Outhouse, 140, South Sioux City, Nebraska, scored a T.K.O. over Ace Aubre, 139, Chicago, at 1:02 of the fifth round. This match looked like a wrestling affair for four rounds and then Gayus landed with a left hook which dropped the Chicagoan to the canvas for a nine count early in the fifth round. Gayus followed up the opportunity with another knockdown and the referee halted the bout.

Eugene (Kid) Brown, 190, Omaha, knocked out Len Lamon, 190, Chicago, in 45 seconds of the initial round. . . . DeWayne DeCora, 140, Macy, Nebraska, drew in four with the stringbean, Homer Summers, 140, Indianapolis. The Hoosier boy floored DeCora in the first round with a wild right hook, but ran out of gas in the third round and was lucky to stay the rest of the way to gain a draw. . . . Harold McDonald, 135, Omaha, took a close decision in four from Kay LaFlore, 136, Omaha.

Short Jabs—Many Nebraska boxers have been seeing action in out of town rings: In an eight-round main event at Ottumwa, Iowa, Joey Arthur, 161, Chicago, outpointed Earle Wenbourne, 162, Lincoln, Nebraska. . . . Nelson Levering, 143, Macy, Nebraska, knocked out Harold Carter, 140, New York, at 1:37 of the first round in Wichita. . . . James Williams, 164, Kansas City, decisioned Harold Hulit, 158, Macy, Nebraska, in four rounds. . . . At Seattle, Washington, Eddie Cotton, 167, Seattle, decisioned the veteran Don Lee, 165, Edison, Nebraska, in 10 rounds. . . . At Minneapolis, Minnesota, Earl Wenbourne, 165, Lincoln, Nebraska, knocked out the favored Jerry Slavin, 163, Hopkins, Minnesota, in the second round. . . . Omaha may have another boxing promoter soon. Plans are being made for a couple of cards in the new Muny Stadium this summer. It is time that we had a little competition in the boxing ranks here. A monopoly has existed for years. The result is a slow death to boxing here and the much abused Omaha fight fans will welcome a new deal with open arms.

Bassett, Nebraska—In a mixed boxing-wrestling card at the town of Bassett, Nebraska, Larry Davis, 172, Bassett, Nebraska, and Joey Hartfield, 165, Omaha, drew in 10 rounds. . . . In the semi-windup Gene Jackson, 147, Offutt Field, Omaha, joined the pro ranks and dropped his debut to Duane Mauch, 148, Valentine, Nebraska. . . . In the wrestling bout Jack Pesek won over Earl Wampler.

Remember to get your news in my hands by the second day of each month. The writer's address is 2209 Vinton Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Phone—Orchard 1165.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

ROBERT VILLEMAIN, middleweight boxer from France, had his hands full against Dynamite Joe Rindone, Roxbury's middleweight contender, at the Boston Gardens. It was a split verdict. Jimmy Daley, who handles the affairs of the Dynamiter, was a very surprised man after the affair. It looked like a sure win for Rindone, and the decision was booed for quite some time.

Freddie Small, Cambridge, ex-New England Amateur champ, is once more donning the gloves and doing very well. Small was New England champ in 1948. Boston sportsman Jack Dunbar, who manages the affairs of Small, is also using the services of Harold Christensen, former middleweight boxer from Hyde Park.

Wes Echols, a 19-year-old California high school boy who some day might be middleweight champion of the world, captured the national middleweight title at the Boston Gardens. He is the best fighter I have seen here since Joey Maxim won the title back in 1938. Here are the National Champions of 1950: 112 pound—Sherman Nelson, Philadelphia; 118 pound—Mickey Mars, Cleveland; 126 pound—Sammy Rodgers, Baltimore; 135 pound—George Justice, Philadelphia; 147 pound—Gil Turner, Philadelphia; 160 pound—Wes Echols, San Francisco; 175 pound—Eldridge Thompson, Washington, D. C.; Heavyweight—Norval Lee, Washington, D. C.

Portland, Me.—Reuben Davis, 132, Fall River, outpointed Eduardo Carrasco, 132½, Peru, (10).

Worcester, Mass.—Hayes victor by T.K.O. in ninth. Polowitzer suffered a cut eyelid. A well conditioned and sharp punching Timothy Buddy Hayes, of Boston, slammed his way to a nine-round technical knockout victory over aggressive, hook-tossing Bobby Polowitzer of Hartford at Mechanics Hall. Carey Mace, 150, Hartford, outpointed Johnny Luz, 155, New Bedford, (8), in the semi-final.

New Bedford, Mass.—Art Henri, 190, New York, outpointed Tiger Ted Lowrey, 182½, New Bedford, (10). Walter Gomes, 141, New Bedford, T.K.O.'ed Ed Silva, 144½, South Dartmouth, (3).

Bangor, Me.—Hermie Freeman, 135, Eagle Lake, outpointed Ray Edwards, 133, New York, (10). Al Arnold, 137, Bangor, K.O.'ed Paul Martin, 134, Lewiston, (3).

Lewiston, Me.—Al Couture, 159, Lewiston, outpointed Bob Stecher, 157, Portland, Me., (10); Larry Griffin, 135, Auburn, K.O.'ed Jimmy Dinardo, 132½, Berlin, N. H., (1).

Rumford, Me.—Mike Saad, 153, Manchester, N. H., outpointed Bob Stecher, 160, Portland, (10).

Worcester, Mass.—Timothy Buddy Hayes, 129½, Boston, outpointed Rudy Pasco, 127½, Paterson, N. J., (10). Curley Drouin, Boston, outpointed Scotty Hudson, Bath, Me., (8).

Fall River, Mass.—Jimmy Parlin, 127½, New York, outpointed Bobby English, 136, Fall River, (10). Johnny Wells, 148, Boston, outpoined Billy Paul, 147, Boston, (8).
Black Pico, 118, Havana, Cuba, outpointed Jorge Sanchez, 120, San Jose, Cal., (10). Frankie Fay, 147, New Bedford, T.K.O.'ed Red Perkins, 142, Lynn, (4).

Worcester, Mass.—Johnny Potenti, 149½, Worcester, outpointed Johnny Cesario, 148, Boston, (10). Carey Mace, 152, Hartford, T.K.O.'ed Billy Andy, 150, Providence, (4).

Fall River, Mass.—Mario Pacheco, 135, Havana, outpointed Young Junior, 135, Springfield, (10). Billy Paul, 145, Boston, outpointed Wilbur Wilson, 148, Boston, (8).

New Bedford, Mass.—Frankie Fay, 146½, New Bedford, was awarded a ten-round technical kayo over Benny Del Gado, 145, of Providence, after battering the Rhode Islander before 1200 fans at the New Page Arena.
Freddie Ruffin, 146½, of Providence, gained a split decision over Billy Paul, 146, of Boston.

Dynamite Joe Rindone need never be ashamed of his split decision loss to Robert Villemain of France. The worse that Rindone should have gotten was a draw. Looks like Villemain will stay clear of the Dynamiter from Roxbury.

Lewiston, Maine—Ralph Zannelli, 153½, Providence, outpointed Al Couture, 160½, Lewiston, Me., (10). Larry Griffin, 135½, Auburn, Me., outpointed Paul Martin, Lewiston, (6).

The Drouin brothers, Fernand and Georges, originally from Quebec City, are now fighting out of Boston where they are popular because they are good fighters despite several losses chalked up against each.

Attention fighters and managers wishing work in the New England States, contact the writer, Charlie Longo, 12 School Street, care of the Callahan A. C. and the Goodwin A. C. Any Negro middleweight who has fought in the last six months, in tenners, contact immediately.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By Sam Porcelli

THE professional boxing front in Rochester is showing signs of a Spring awakening. Angelo Rose, former matchmaker for the Exchange A. C., will take over the Triton A. C. and operate it as the Genesee A. C. Rose indicated that he will run a show just as soon as he could line up a suitable card. He said that his policy would be to stage "club fights" with the purpose of developing young punchers, although he is interested in matching welterweight Ross Virgo, lightweight Snuffy Smith, heavyweight Johnny Flynn, with suitable opponents. Tinny Lombardo, promoter for the Exchange A. C., has indicated that he is interested in promoting one or two outdoor shows.

Rochester fighters are kept busy in out-of-town rings. Irish Johnny Rowe was T.K.O.'ed by Arthur King at Toronto in four. Bob Graham K.O.'ed Russ Kulling in one at Buffalo, Calvin Leigh was T.K.O.'ed by Al Galvani in five rounds at New York.
The writer is training two Siamese fighters and would like to book them around the country. Their names are Nai Surachai Damrongsuh, welterweight, of Siam, and Nai Somsri Boonruang, 150 pounds, of Bangkok, Siam. The boys are managed by Wayne Jolly, a Rochester business man. Anyone wishing to use these boys can do so by contacting the writer.

Following are some of the amateur fights held at the Elks Club weekly. In the five bouts, Charley Moxley, Rochester, outpointed Al Heard, Cleveland, heavyweights. Mickey Makon, Cleveland, defeated Johnny Ashley, Buffalo. Al Warner, Rochester, knocked out Don Hodge, Cleveland, in three. Paul Provins, Youngstown, outpointed Ray Stradley, Geneseo. Ward Yee, Youngstown, outpointed Gil Slater, Niagara Falls. Orlando DiPietro, Warren, outpointed Frankie Verna, Rochester. Al Waner, Rochester, outpointed John Hobart, Warren. In the three-round bouts, Austin Coleman, a good-looking featherweight, defeated Charlie Cobb, Buffalo. Ben Davis, Rochester, outpointed Sandy Ferucci, Buffalo, welterweights. John Abbazi, Rochester, outpointed Ray Pollard, Buffalo, light-heavies. Eddie Williams, Rochester, outpointed Bob Motz, Buffalo, heavyweights.
Bob Watson, Rochester, outpointed Johnny Brooks, Niagara Falls, lightweights. Mike Pennelli, Buffalo, outpointed Roy Enlgert, Rochester, lightweights. Nick Perri, Rochester, outpointed Tom Mantino, Buffalo, welterweights. Pasco Mitchell, Rochester, outpointed Bob Graham, Rochester, heavyweights. Bob Biehler, Olean, made it two in a row when he outpointed Herb Bridges, Buffalo, middleweights.

Al Carrie, a Rochester trainer, has a few good-looking prospects training daily at Triton A. C. gym, in Austin Coleman, Eddie Williams, Bob Watson, Rocco DePonzi, and a few others. Other boys who are training daily at the Triton A. C., are Snuffy Smith, lightweight, Irish Johnny Rowe, lightweight, Calvin Leigh, featherweight, Jeff Davis, welterweight, Bob Graham, heavyweight, Sammy Schnapper and others.

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MINNESOTA RING NEWS
By Spike McCarthy

GEORGE LEONARD, the California trainer who has been living in Minneapolis for the past 18 months has returned to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lida Hagen, the mother of Floyd Hagen, the hardest punching small man who ever pulled on a pair of padded mitts in our city, passed away the early part of April at the age of 54.

There is a newcomer in the Twin Cities, a refugee from the D. P. Camps of Europe, who answers to the name of Big Jack Herman, who has made a big hit with his size and punching ability. Big Jack, whose legs still carry the scars of the chains of the Nazi concentration camp, stands 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 215 pounds in fighting trim, and loves to fight. Solly Goldstein, owner of the Ringside Gymnasium, is looking after him and doing his booking.

At the Minneapolis Auditorium—Eddie Lacy, 129½, Minneapolis' light-skinned young Negro, fought his return bout with Pat Iacobucci, 127¼, and at the end of ten tough rounds saw the duke go against him in a fight that was a thriller from the tap of the first gong. The Italian kid from Cincy finished the stronger and was given a split decision over the youngster with whom he fought an eight-round draw some time back last winter. In the six-round semi-windup Jerry Slavin, 163, cocky Irish battler from Hopkins, got knocked stiff by a wild swinging Indian battler from the town of Wayne, Nebraska, Earl Wenbourne, 165, in the second heat. Slavin announced his retirement after his defeat. Izzy Layton, 131, of Detroit, and Bunny Berrigan, 124, fought a six-round draw. Big Jack Herman, 215, of Chicago, stopped Joe Rocky, 190, of Harvey, Illinois, in the second heat. Jerry LaGuarde, 125, won over the Minneapolis Indian youngster, Don Dakota, 129, in four stanzas. Marlin Pettis, 140, slender Mill City battler, whipped Walter Stone, 145, in another four-rounder. In a six-rounder Stan Kursa, 133, Polish battler of Detroit, whipped Wilf Desjardin, 139, of Winnipeg. The crowd was small with Promoter Tony Stecher dropping another bundle with the gross hitting only $2658.
Billy Petrolle, the old Fargo Express, is back in the boxing game, this time in the role of a manager. He has taken over the handling of Jim Hady, a young heavyweight from there in Duluth, and the old belting lightweight is as enthused as any other hopeful manager over his boy's chances of scaling the top.

Billy (The Kid) Flaherty has forsaken the boxing game.

Will Chuck Hensel, St. Paul's roughhouse middleweight, drop me a line? Have some news for him.

Saint Paul Auditorium—Promoter Jack Rawleigh, St. Paul's new promoter, got off to a good start both pugilistically and financially when he presented those two mid-west featherweights, Charley Riley, 127½, and Glen Flanagan, 127½, in their ten-round rubber match with the little dynamiter from the Missouri metropolis giving Flanagan a neat pasting in the 10-round wind-up bout. Riley won the unanimous decision of the referee, Jack Gibbons, and Judges Bobby Ward and Billy McCabe. In the six-round semi-windup, Georgie Price, 139, St. Paul's hard-punching boy, gave Sonny Harriss, 141, a Danny Spunt importation from Chicago, a neat pasting but was unable to drop him for the full count. Louis Crumes, 147, of Ottumwa, Iowa, whipped Jimmy Martin, 147, of Detroit, in another sixer. Jack Herman, 214½, of Chicago, stopped Roberto Solmito, 212, of Havana, Cuba, in the first heat. Don Dakota, 129, of Minneapolis, whipped Tommy LaGuarde, 133, of Duluth, in four heats, while in the opener, scheduled for four rounds, Johnny Pachecho, 120, belted out baby faced Buck McDonald, 125, of Duluth, in the first stanza. The attendance was 3300, and the gross $6435.

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SPOKANE BOXING NEWS
By Jack Powers

PRO boxing activity is getting back into high in Spokane, with the reopening of the famous Al Morse gymnasium, long a landmark in local boxing history. One of the finest gyms in the Northwest, well ventilated and equipped with comfortable seating for three hundred, it is under management of your writer, with training supervision by Glenn Northcutt.

Several local fighters were active the past few weeks, notably Eddy Halligan, veteran middleweight, who banged out a couple of good wins at Edmonton and Cour D' Alene at the expense of Duke Ortega and Jimmy Maggert.

Sonny Elixman, local welterweight, turned in several good fights the past month at Boise and Prineville, Oregon.

Glenn Northcutt, hard-socking Spokane middleweight of 1945 and '46, is back as a full-sized light-heavyweight and looks like the best prospect to come out of Spokane in many a day. The big lad socks with either hand and is a real crowd-pleaser.

Other fighters working daily and ready for action are Ponce de Leon, heavyweight, Billy Pappas, heavyweight, Paul Kennedy, and Hank Hankins, welterweights, Frankie Gimbel, middleweight, and a good-looking prospect named Jackie Clark who hits the Fairbanks at 160.
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COVERING PHILADELPHIA

By Archie Pirolli

IN his first appearance here Johnny Greco, 148½, Canadian welterweight champion from Montreal, lost a split decision to Eddie Giosa, 142, of this city, at the Arena. Some of the fans thought Greco had the better of the fight. It was a hard-fought affair and an exciting one.

In one of the best fights of the night Herman McCray, 150, Philadelphia, lost an eight-round decision to Jimmy King, 149½, Wilkes-Barre. King's left eyelid was cut in the first round but he displayed plenty of speed to outbox aggressive McCray.

Cal Smith, 137½, Philadelphia, gained a technical knockout over Clem Custer, 143, Detroit, in the fifth round. Gil Turner, 145½, Philadelphia, made his pro debut by stopping Jimmy Verne, 148½, Philadelphia, in the first round. Southpaw Billy Robb, 125½, halted Luther Thomas, 126, in the fourth round in an all Philadelphia bout. Lloyd Tate, 146½, floored and outfought young Georgie Gibbs, 146½, in an exciting all-local six-rounder.

Robert Villemain, 158½, France's middleweight champion, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Otis Graham, 156, at the Arena. One judge awarded the Frenchman every round and another judge and the referee scored nine rounds for Robert.

The spectators, numbering 5,225, paid $16,-227.36 to see Harry Steinman's promotion. Speedy Lawrence, 154, Philadelphia, stopped Germain Caboche, 158½, Paris, France, due to a cut eye in the fifth round. Vernon Franks, 147½, Philadelphia, won over Jimmy Cool, 155, Philadelphia. Bucky Slocum, 145½, Philadelphia, scored a technical knockout over Clay Milliron, 146, Barberton, O., in the third round. Jimmy Cannon, 160, Philadelphia, was a technical winner over Patsy Pandoli, 167½, Philadelphia, in the second round, and Young Georgie Gibbs, 145, Philadelphia, won via T.K.O. over Vince Barnes, 145, Philadelphia, in two rounds.

Charley Fusari, Irvington, N. J., 150-pounder, was surprised in his ten-round bout here over Joey Carkido, 146, Youngstown, O., at the Arena.

Although Charley won the unanimous decision, he encountered plenty of opposition. Most of the 2,692 fans, contributing $7,857, came to the Arena to see Fusari dispose of his rival in a fast finish, instead they saw the Youngstown lad last the route and Carkido still willing to punch back in the last round.

Percy Bassett, 132, Philadelphia, decisioned Proctor Heinold, 130, Oklahoma City, in eight rounds.

Charley Spicer, 143, Philadelphia, won over tough Rudy Zadell, 151, Pittsburgh, in eight rounds.

Randy Ingram, 155, Philadelphia, decisioned Ernie Gennelli, 155, Philadelphia, in a six-rounder. Harry Hall, 147, outfought Young Roundtree, 144½, in an all-Philadelphia four-rounder.

Ring Resin—While repairs are being made at the Met where a fire caused it to close for the indoor season, Jimmy Toppi is busy making preparations to open his stadium (Toppi's Stadium) for the summer months. . . . Phil Glassman, local promoter, will operate at the Municipal Stadium this summer. . . . The Cambria A. C., promoted by Joe Wenke, is closed for good. . . . Frank (Blinky) Palermo, local manager, has one of the largest stables of boxers under his wing, including Ike Williams, lightweight champion, Arthur King, British Empire lightweight champion, Lew Jenkins, former lightweight champion, Danny Bucceroni, light-heavyweight of promise, Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn amateur champion who is undefeated as a pro, Curt Kennedy, heavyweight, Johnny Bernardo, welterweight, and many others.

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FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Jim Echols

GENE SMITH, local featherweight kayo artist, unleashed a fusillade of rights and lefts to knock out Danny Dancosse of Manchester, Conn., in the second round, before a near capacity house in Turner's Arena. In the first round, Smith floored Dancosse twice with lightning-like swiftness, and on the second knockdown the count had reached five, with Danny out, but the bell tolled, saving him from a knockout. Smith scaled 125½ to Dancosse's 122½.

In a companion seven, Pat Thomas, 128½, reversed a previous loss to Little Dynamite, 132, by winnnig a split decision. Thomas' form was considerably improved and smart handling by his seconds, Pat McDougal and Natie Palmer, two old pros, helped Pat.

In a fiver, Eddie Gilchrist, 128, Washington, won a unanimous decision over young Lee Q. Murray, 129, Baltimore. Kenny Leitch, 136, Baltimore, and Frank Ball, 139, Washington, fought a real pier sixer in which, after a wild exchange in the third, Ball was K.O.'ed in 2:08 by a right to the jaw.

In a pair of all-local fours, Jimmy Sewell, 142, won over Joe Davis, 136, while Johnny Shields, 178, made a nice pro debut by kayoing Battling Moore, 188, in 2:34 of the first heat. It was an excellent show.

Two former champions, Beau Jack and Lew Jenkins, met in the headline 10-rounder at Uline Arena, for the Liberty A. C., and left amid a confused but confounded crowd of fistic fans. In the fifth, Jack landed a blow to Jenkins' groin that stopped the contest in 2:32. As per our D. C. foul rule, Jenkins was given the customary five-minute rest period, at the end of which he was declared fit to fight, but his handlers refused to let him go on, and Referee Ray Bowen had no alternative but to award the bout to Jack.

All told, from the spectators' viewpoint, it was an unsatisfactory fight, especially so with Jack's flagrant fouling. Jenkins was floored in the third and his left eye was cut in the fourth. In a previous bout here, when Jack met Eddie Giosa, this bout was similar to the Jenkins-Jack bout, with Eddie being the victim of several low blows, and then the five-minute rest, but Giosa continued and lost the bout.

The six-round semi-windup saw Sam Kelsey, 130, Washington, decision Gurney Van Hook, 132, Philadelphia, in a good bout. Kelsey started strong, flooring Van Hook for an eight count in the first. In a fiver, Red Gaddis, 128, copped a unanimous duke over Joe Wilkinson, 122, both local lads. Three four-rounders completed the prelims, with two ending in kayoes. Eddie Marshall, 163, stopped Angelo Marini, 155, in 1:26 of the third, both D. C., while Ralph Brown, 145½, beat Andy Nathan, 150. The opener saw Lucky Boy, 138½, Washington, win by T.K.O. over Don Brown, 141½, Baltimore, in 2:00 of the second.

Senor Gabe Menendez closed Turner's indoor season with a stellar card, featuring a seven-rounder between Gene Smith and the Puerto Rican importation, Aponti Torres. This was a good test for Smith, who won as he pleased. Torres was a bloody mess after seven stanzas of milling. Smith scaled 125, Torres 127½. In a semi eight-rounder Bobby Lloyd, 133, Wilkes-Barre, won a split decision over Washington's Marshall Clayton, 139.

In a preliminary five, Chuck Goolsby, 159, New York City, won by the T.K.O. route when he stopped Jimmy O'Brien, 154, Baltimore, in 2:24 of the first. A trio of fours completed a good card. Frank Ball, 140, Washington, won from Kenny Leitch, 136, Baltimore, avenging a previous kayo loss at the hands of Kenny. Jimmy Sewell, 139½, unanimously decisioned Joe Davis, 135½, while Kid Wolfe, 174, and Johnny Shields, 179, battled to a draw.

The European Golden Gloves Champions moved into Washington, specifically to Uline's Arena, where they administered a 5 to 3 licking to Washington's champs in the first international amateur championships held in the nation's capital. The affair was sponsored by the "Times-Herald" Welfare Association.

The championship bouts resulted as follows:

112 lbs.—Pentti Hamalainen (Finland) automatic victor over Dave Primrose (Washington) who failed to make weight and yielded to substitute Oliver James as a no-decision bout foe for Hamalainen.

118 lbs.—Paul Nicol (Washington) outpointed Henning Jensen (Denmark).

126 lbs.—Jacques Bataille (France) won over Bunky Frazier (Washington).

135 lbs.—Willie Davis (Washington) won by T.K.O. over Mike McCullagh (Ireland), 2:08 of second. Cut eye.

147 lbs.—Victor Jorgenson (Denmark) outpointed Mario Desantis (Washington).

160 lbs.—Robert Vallet (France) decisioned Walter Stipanovich (Washington).

175 lbs.—Giovanni de Segni (Italy) outpointed Eldridge Thompson (Washington).

Heavyweight—Norvel Lee (Washington) won via T.K.O. over Teemu Kuusela (Finland). Kuusela failed to answer the bell for round two.

Notes—With 2200 persons in attendance, Howard University conducted its fifth boxing clinic. Jersey Joe Walcott, three-time unsuccessful heavyweight challenger, vowed that he would cop the crown. Joe was one of the principal speakers, along with our own Nat Fleischer, who outlined the history of boxing, recalling that Presidents Jefferson, Lincoln, and "Teddy" Roosevelt engaged in the manly art. Other speakers included Harry Markson, general manager of I.B.C., Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion, and Lester Bromberg, New York boxing manager. The Clinic was concluded with a dinner, at which the guests of honor were presented with scrolls and medals by Howard University.

Andy Bowen, 52, famous lightweight boxer here after World War I, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital after an illness of five weeks. Andy's brother, Ray, a D. C. fight referee, said that Andy had in the neighborhood of 400 bouts in a career that ran from 1918 to 1927.

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LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT Cal Vernon of Milwaukee survived a late rally by Billy Davis of Indianapolis, and won a split decision in the six-round windup at Ron-De-Voo. Vernon's right-hand punches floored his foe in the second and third rounds, but Davis evaded Cal's knockout efforts and won the last two rounds.

In the semi, Troy Luckett, 134, decisioned Bob Henry, 134½, in six. Both are Milwaukee boys.

In the best bout of the evening, Spider Thomas, 120½, Louisville, won a split decision over the game and willing Torita Rivas, 124½, El Paso, Texas, in four; Bill Salandich, 149½, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Sonny Harris, 144½, Chicago, in 2:38 of round one; Billy Reese, 179, Milwaukee, beat Leroy Thomas, 174, Chicago, in four.

Green Bay—A sellout crowd paid close to $6000 to see the veteran Phil Zwick of Kaukanna lose a split ten-round decision to Lee Bohles of Cleveland. Zwick weighed 129, Bohles 128.

In the semi-windup, Eddie O'Neill, 161, Milwaukee, knocked out Joe Brown, 158, Indianapolis, in four. Little Torita Rivas, 124, El Paso Mexican, stole the show, but dropped a close six-rounder to Teddy Fittibaldo, 126, of Cleveland. Bill Salandich, 145, Milwaukee, and Rocky Drago, 141, of Louisville, fought a slam-bang six-round draw. Dave West, 160, Appleton, beat Dick Ullmer, 158, De Pere, in four.

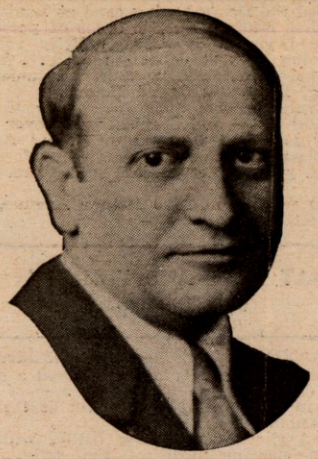
The University of Wisconsin's three eligibles, Jimmy (Red) Sreenan, Dick Murphy and Ted Kozuszek, bowed out respectively to Andy Quattrocchi, Pat Heims and Herb Carlson in the semi-finals of the 13th national collegiate boxing tournament at State College, Pa., this year. It is the first time in ten years no Badger boxer appeared in the finals.

The tournament ended with the Universities of Idaho and Gonzaga tied with 18 points for the NCAA boxing title. Michigan State, the favorite, finished third with 13 points. Louisiana State, last year's champion, and Penn State were tied for fourth place with 12 points.

Bigtime wrestling came back to Milwaukee with a bang, taking the play away from the boxing promoters by being the first to open the new arena to sports. The show established an all-time high with 9,089 fans paying $19,535.

Jack Dempsey, the old Manassa Mauler, with Fred Kohler, Henry Tolle, John Heim and Leonard Sachs co-promoted the show, using national champion Lou Thesz, Ruffy Silverstein, Gorgeous George Wagner, Gypsy Joe Dorsetti, Violet Viann, June Byers and an Australian tag match with Walter Palmer, Cyclone Anaya, Hans and Fritz Schnabel as the magnet. Casting director Fred Kohler gave the fans a great show, with Jack Dempsey as referee in the main event.

A promoter's dream to become a reality—Jack Dempsey vs. Joe Louis. The announcement came from Dempsey while here for the wrestling show, but it will be on television only. The art displayed will be that of the photographers in piecing Dempsey's best fights with those of Joe Louis so they go through the motions opposing each other.



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DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES
By Jack Waina

CAPITAL CITY SPORTING CLUB officials were forced to replace their scheduled headline attraction two days before fight night because of a recurrence of an old injury to one of its headline principals, but due to some exceptionally fine matchmaking they landed Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh welterweight, and Hank Risk, of Toledo, for the eight-round stellar attraction.

In a relentless brawl all the way at the Prudden Auditorium, Mastrean won over the youthful Risk. But "Handsome Hank" made sure Sammy knew he was in a battle, when the cocky Pittsburgher came out for the opening issue by sending him down on the canvas with a right to the jaw. From there on in Mastrean used his ring science to advantage. Nineteen year old Risk did himself proud by sticking with the "Smoky City" lad throughout some furious exchanges.

The semi-final was short and sweet as Danny Stepovich, also from Pittsburgh, showed a burst of fury as he dropped Eddie Garland, Flint welter, twice for nine and a third time for a no count before Referee Charley Zagarali stopped it at 2:08 of round one.

Entertainment plus filled the four-round preliminaries. Joey Lozano, rugged Detroit Mexican, was awarded a T.K.O. over Jim "Red" Elby, Toledo middleweight, in the fourth of a real slugfest which had the crowd roaring. Lozano was down in the first and Elby in the third as both fighters took aim and slugged away at each other. The redhead went down in the fourth from a left and upon arising on queer street the bout was stopped.

Stanley Kursa, Detroit 135-pounder, boxed too well for Paul Davis, also of Detroit, to earn the nod in another pleasing bout. Buddy Carr, Toledo light-heavy, had the class and won over aggressive Freddy Young, Detroit. Stormy Mundy, Detroit featherweight, came storming out of his corner at the bell with the idea of upsetting his highly touted opponent, K. O. Morgan, Jr., and fellow townsman, but was met with the latter's devastating left and Mundy hit the deck twice before being counted out in two minutes.

Former ace collegiate fistic star, Chuck Davey, has been having more than his share of tough luck since the turn of the year. The undefeated Dearborn welterweight was forced to withdraw from his slated top billing bout at Lansing, when an X-ray examination of his previously broken hand revealed it was still not ready for boxing use. This marked the third time Davey has been unable to appear, due to the troublesome paw and it is feared for the worst this time. It is most unfortunate because Chuck is an excellent boxer who shows promise thus far as a professional!

Mickey Davies, ace West Virginia manager, along with Al Kerns, gym operator, has signed Noel Humphreys, sensational Charlestown amateur featherweight, to a three-year contract in the swat for pay ranks. Only 18 years old, Humphreys has won his way to the New York Golden Glove team three times and each time defeated his opponent on the Chicago squad in the East-West clash.

Minus the great Chuck Davey of previous years, a favored Michigan State Collegiate boxing team entering the finals finished third in the thirteenth National Collegiate Boxing Tournament held at State College, Pa. Four State mittsters had won their way into the semi-finals. Chuck Spieser, 175, won over Bill Moore, Minnesota; Hank Amos, 125, topped Jim Huba, Syracuse; Gabby Marek, heavyweight, had it over Jack Scherbies, San Jose State; and Jack Tierney, 135, bested Norm Walker, Idaho.

In the semi-final round, three of the State battlers won their way into the final round. Spieser won over defending champ Carl Bernardo, Miami; Amos bested Neil Ofsthun, Minnesota; and Marek T.K.O.'ed Marty Crandell, Syracuse, a defending titleholder.

The finals ended for the worse. Amos was outpointed by Mac Martinez, San Jose State; Spieser dropped the duke to Carl Maxey, Idaho; and Marek was beaten out by Chuck Drazenovich, Penn State.

That crowd pleaser deluxe, Ronnie Harper, Charlestown lightweight, now living in Detroit with his manager, Walter Ketchel, gained the decision over Jesse (Topper) Underwood, Huntington, W. Va., in ten solid rounds at Rockford, Illinois.

In the six-round semi-final Paul Davis, Detroit lightweight, put on a fast finish but was unable to overtake Al Adams, of Chicago.

A boxing show at the Civic Auditorium in Toledo promoted by the Shamrock A. C., had a Toledo Golden Gloves graduate in every contest and each was returned victor.

Charley "King" Cotton, 148, and Hank Risk, 146½, shared the main event billing in co-feature ten rounders against Tommy Darrough, 150, of Flint, and Johnny Paoletti, 146, Akron, respectively. Cotton caught Flint's Tommy early in the opening issue with a chloroformed right hand smash during a furious exchange when Tommy was holding his own. It took Cotton only 1:05 to complete the trick.

Risk sewed up the verdict in the last round of his bout with Paoletti when he dropped Paoletti with his left. Referee Jay Gould and Judge Dutch Mauder voted for Risk four rounds, Paoletti three and three even. Judge Jack Keller scored Risk in front 6-1-3.

All the preliminaries were good four-rounders which went the distance. Jim (Red) Elby, 159, Toledo, evened the score with Joey Lozano, 159½, Detroit, in a rugged encounter. Buddy Carr, 172½, Toledo, made it two straight over Freddy Young, 164½, Detroit. Carr injured his right hand in the first but had Young holding on at the finish.

Popular and sincere little Kelly Hymore, 120, Toledo, spotted Bucky Gardner, Akron, nine pounds, yet was too sharp for the harder hitting Gardner, winning a close nod. Alex (Duke) Balcerzak, 160, Toledo, took every round from Willie Johnson, 163, Detroit, using an effective right hand.

Izzy "Yussel" Leyton, classy local Mexican-Hebrew featherweight, made an auspicious return to the squared circle, when he fought the more seasoned Bunny Berrigan, of Waukesha, Wis., to a draw in six rounds at Minneapolis. Leyton had been sidelined since early December.

The better boxing of Stan Kursa, Detroit lightweight, won over wild Wilf Desjardin, Al Greenberg's Winnipeg hope, in a four on the same show.

Promoter Tony Stecher topped the card with Pat Iacobucci winning over Eddie Lacy in ten.

The happiest guy in Detroit at the present time is Ray Barns and rightfully so. Barns went ten action-packed rounds with the welterweight champion, Ray Robinson and although he was not the winner, he, as well as his backers, can feel mighty proud.

A crowd of 8,954 spectators who paid a gross of $17,111 at Nick Londes' Olympia Stadium, mobbed the local youth after his most creditable showing. Burns hit the canvas in the sixth from a couple of power-packed left hooks of Sugar's but arose at the count of five and weathered the storm like a veteran top-notch performer.

Robinson scaled 156¼ pounds as Barns hit the Fairbanks at 160½.

Jimmy Welsh, 153½, Columbus, came on fast in his battle with Al Mobley, 151, New York, and won going away in a six. Joe Garza, 147½, Detroit, dealt out a terrific beating to Dan Pinto, 147½, Columbus, having his Ohio city mauler on the deck several times before being awarded a T.K.O. at 1:04 of the fourth.

One of the slated four-rounders went the distance, in which Billy Tisdale, 157, Detroit, won over Tony Lamonco, 163, Grand Rapids, with an all out last frame rally. Frank Polizzi, 132, Detroit, decked Billy Todd, 131¾, Columbus, with a neat solar plexus blow at 1:00 of the second, and Harvey Mack, 195, Detroit, was too big and strong for Chuck Glasher, 184, Windsor, and was awarded a T.K.O. at 2:40, also of the second.

For the first time in nearly one year, boxing returned to Flint, Michigan, under the auspices of the Genessee Table Top Boxing Club with a crowd of 2,000 fans turning out to witness the first offering.

Ronnie Harper, 135, of Charlestown, now operating out of Detroit, and Ernesto Aguilar, 132, classy Mexican, two good crowd pleasers, traded socks in the feature ten-rounder and Harper was awarded a well-deserved decision after a close tussle.

Lou Woods, 165, Detroit veteran, upset former state light-heavy kingpin Benny McCombs, 167, Flint, and the latter's comeback hopes and at the same time encouraged his own, when he dumped Benny for the count in the second. Benny just missed beating the count.

Another Flint lad was stopped when Bud Baker, Detroit middleweight, dropped Leland Pillen with a left hook and upon arising at a nine count, Pillen was no match for Baker, being sent to the canvas for the fatal ten in the second.

K. O. Morgan, Jr., flashy Detroit 125-pounder, met a Tartar in Walter Daykers, fellow townsman, but displayed too much footwork and punching to take down the nod after six. K. O. was not up to par but won easily.

Gene Linscott, 147, Pontiac's former NCAA title holder, scored a first round K.O. over Calvin Simmons, Detroit, in his pro debut, and Floyd Felder, 153, Flint, solved the adopted southpaw slants of Bobby Brown, 151½, Detroit, and rocked him to sleep in the second.

Prospect of the Month—Stan Kursa, Motor City 135-pounder, who has three good wins—over George Reed, Paul Davis and Wilf Desjardin—since coming to the fore. Stan was twice winner of the CYO title while in the amateurs.

Willie Dominguez is to be commended for the excellent way he handles his matchmaking chores.

Here and There—Ronnie Harper, action plus 135-pounder, who in his last five starts defeated Jessie Underwood, Roy Wirt, Ernesto Aguilar, stopped Doug Medley, and drew with Bob Sandberg, topped the Derby boxing card at Louisville, Ky. . . . Lee Mulrooney adds a lot of personality to the Olympia Stadium publicity role as well as doing a most capable job. . . . Yours truly has been lending a hand in the same role at Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids.

Ray Savgin reports that his Kenty County Cancer show at Grand Rapids went over well with Tony Lamonco winning over Paul Adams by a knockout in the main event, the former's final simon pure contest before going pro. . . .

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SALT LAKE AND VICINITY
By Bill Clegg

REX LAYNE, Utah's leading contender for national heavyweight honors, scored a clean-cut decision over Grant Butcher of San Francisco in a ten-round main event at the Salt Lake Coliseum.

It was a clinching, mauling battle, with the Californian showing little of the style which brought him to Salt Lake as one of the top heavyweights on the coast.

There were no knockdowns and the three judges were unanimous in awarding the battle to the barrel-chested Layne. The victory was Layne's 18th win in 19 pro starts. His only setback came at the hands of Dave Whitlock in San Francisco after Layne had decisioned Whitlock in a bout in Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake fight fans proved again that the Beehive State Capital is a good fight town. For the Butcher-Layne battle in April more than 5000 crammed their way into the Salt Lake Coliseum.

Ralph Helms of Wyoming, a middleweight who has never had a soft touch since he turned professional, racked up two impressive victories.

Helms outpointed clever Paul Perkins, one of the top middleweights in this area, and a lad who had notched up victories over every other stylist in the region, including Helms himself. The win squared the series between the two.

Another spectacular knockout victory was registered by Helms when he uncorked a spectacular knockout punch to flatten Little Joe Louis of Denver in 2:06 of the second round. Louis had a comfortable edge in the first round, but ran into one of Helms' lefts early in the second, and Helms battered him into almost helplessness before the Denver lad crashed to the canvas.

Garth Panter, young Idaho middleweight, added more laurels to what is getting to look like a fine record. Panter took the measure of veteran Kent Hoyt of Cedar City in a six-round fracas which saw the youthful Idahoan take everything from his heavier and rangier opponent, then bore in to win the last three rounds in comparative ease.

Jay Lambert, U. S. Olympic delegate, who delighted his partisans a month earlier with a masterful victory over Remo Polidori of Tooele, had no little trouble with lumbering Frank Bufford of Los Angeles at the Salt Lake Coliseum—losing a ten-round decision to the big, cumbersome Californian.

Bufford, much better than he appeared, was a tough fighter for Lambert, who was unable to break through the Californian's long arms or to crack through his defensive shield.

Frank Ronkovich, popular Tooele typhoon, hit two snags in his last two appearances at the Salt Lake Coliseum. Ronkovich fought a terrific battle to gain a draw with Ron Whittle of West Jordan, but lost a ten-round main event in April to veteran Benny Flake, clever Salt Lake cut-up.

Flake, winner in ten rounds over Ronkovich, has all the makings of a terrific box office battler. Never too busy to clown, but packing a mean wallop in either hand and faster than greased lightning, Flake put on a masterful show against the youthful Ronkovich, winning a good majority of the rounds in a furious battle, which had more than its share of laughs.

Young Buddy Sloan, called the Salt Lake Clipper since he became a student at the Salt Lake Barber College, saw his fine record snipped short last week when he suffered a third-round knockout at the hands of capable Bobby Yeager of Hollywood. Sloan, who fights at 139 or under, has now lost four fights in a string of 14 since he turned pro in October.

Notes from the corner—George Westfall, 145, Twin Falls, Idaho, T.K.O.'ed Duke Dixon, 144, Portland, Ore., in 15 seconds of the second round; Lyman Holloway, 141, Twin Falls, T.K.O.'ed Buddy Sloan, 136, Salt Lake, in 1:47 of the first (Sloan suffered a deep cut over his eye and was forced to default); Sam Healey, 153, American Fork, drew with Manuel Cruz, Denver, in four rounds; Buddy Sloan, 142, Salt Lake, T.K.O.'ed Mickey Silcox, 144, Twin Falls, Idaho, in 41 seconds of the third; Eddie Halligan, 171, Oakland, drew with Ron Whittle, 171, West Jordan, in eight rounds; George Westfall, 150, Twin Falls, Idaho, decisioned Danny DeMilo, 151, Ogden, in 1:18 of the second round.

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